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Mongol Rally completed for 'Kinging-it'

ABOVE: Journey's end – the Kinging-It team celebrates finishing the Mongol Rally in Ulan-Ude in eastern Russia.

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AFTER 12,000 miles, 20 countries visited, 10 police stops and a visit to hospital, the Barry 'Kinging-It' team has completed the Mongol Rally.

Aimee Bannister, Craig Holmes, Jessica Berg and William Webb reached Ulan-Ude in the far reaches of eastern Russia on September 10. They had set off from the start line in Prague on July 16.

Before they set off Aimee told The GEM there was a serious side to the trip.

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Generations come out in support of the RAF100 parade in town

Personnel at RAF St Athan marched through Barry to celebrate 80 years since it was first established, and 100 years of the Royal Air Force, on Sunday, September 9 – see more pictures on page 14.

Clash over Vale parking report

ONE of the hottest local topics at the moment is the consultation on the 'draft parking strategy' prepared by Capita for the Vale Council.

It includes proposals for parking charges in local areas and car parks.

This week Cllr Kevin Mahoney claimed the council could have saved £48,000 by preparing a report themselves.

The Vale Council says the report was a technical one requiring a high level of expertise.

For the full story turn to page 19.

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Letter from Daniel

A QUICK scan through The GEM often unearths a letter from a reader grateful to good Samaritans who have helped him or her following a fall in the street, a broken-down car, or something similar.

The paper received quite a different letter from a man in Barry just as last week's edition was going to print.

It is brief, but here is what he wanted to say: *I am Daniel Lennon and I am homeless man in the Barry area.*

I am now able to concentrate on studying a course which will enable me to have a better future, and would like to thank all the staff in the Thomas Cook Travel shop on Holton Road in Barry, and Father Ben of St Mary's Church, also on Holton Road, for all their support during, and after, work hours.

Daniel Lennon

Readers' Letters

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'Remember the RAF Benevolent Fund'

THIS week we remember the bravery of the Battle of Britain pilots who took to our skies in defence of the nation, night after night during the summer of 1940.

Battle of Britain Day on September 15 is a moment to pause and reflect not only on their sacrifice but on the sacrifice of all who have served our country.

It is important to remember the legacy left by all those pilots who gave their lives for our today; and to remember that while we may not face the same, visible enemy, our selfless servicemen and women continue to put their lives on the line for us today.

This year, Battle of Britain Day coincides with 'Remember a Charity Week', a campaign to raise awareness of the impact a gift in a will can make to charities.

For the RAF Benevolent Fund, gifts in wills make up almost 60 per cent of our total donated income – income which has been spent over the past 100 years supporting the RAF Family, serving and retired personnel and their families.

People like the families of those killed in action during the Battle of Britain in the Second World War, ensuring the pilots' children received the best possible start in life despite their tragic loss; or providing for RAF veterans so that they may live out their retirement in comfort and dignity.

As the nation marked the Royal Air Force's centenary this summer, here at the Fund we celebrated almost 100 years of support for the RAF Family; we have stood side by side with those who gave their all, since 1919.

However, it is only because of the support of incredible donors who leave a legacy to support RAF and ex RAF personnel in need that we are able to continue to do that.

Thank you.

Air Vice-Marshal David Murray,
Chief Executive, RAF Benevolent Fund.

'MajorPride was just the beginning'

AS MajorPride Ambassador, I want to thank the people of Llantwit Major and the wider Vale for coming together for the first MajorPride event.

It was fantastic to witness acts of kindness, whether through the donations given by local traders or via the support from the community itself. It was lovely to walk amongst the crowds of families who gathered and spent their time in an atmosphere of solidarity and friendship.

MajorPride would not have happened without the spectacular efforts by Rhodri Ellis Owen. I was honoured to be able to help him create an inclusive event that showed that when all strands of the community pull together we create a wonderful day for all.

I want to remind everyone that this is just the beginning.

There are still too many people in the Vale who face loneliness and isolation, bullying and harassment, whether LGBT, young or old.

A more lasting legacy that enables vulnerable people to receive the support they need and to work with any other group that is determined to see that everyone within the Vale has the chance to thrive must be built.

People of all ages are welcome to get involved by finding us on Twitter and Facebook via MajorPride.

Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, Rhoose

'Don't celebrate Barry Hospital parking just yet'

WE are pleased to see that the health board has listened to our concerns, but we will have to see how the new arrangements pan out before popping the corks on the bubbly.

As ward councillors, we have been pushing the health board to improve parking arrangements at Barry Hospital and it is remarkable for Jane Hutt to stride in on a white horse to claim all the credit.

That said, while these changes will address some of our concerns, it does appear that the Labour AM has successfully lobbied to introduce parking charges in a free car park.

Bravo Jane!

Cllr Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands, Dyfan Ward.

Mayor deserves praise for 98 bus campaign

I AM writing in response to the good news the 98 bus has been temporarily reinstated. It is important for residents of Barry to use it, or lose it.

On behalf of the residents of Highlight Park and beyond, I would like to extend thanks to Dyfan ward councillor and Vale Mayor Leighton Rowlands, who has devoted a substantial part of his time since being elected diligently supporting residents' concerns, arranging the meetings and putting pressure on the council officers.

This is a great achievement for Barry residents, as well as both our ward councillors, who have worked so hard on our behalf for a positive outcome.

To quote our councillors: "Now it is up to the residents of Barry to take advantage of this opportunity to prove that it should be retained on a permanent basis."

Ada Flinn, Barry

GEM note: Campaigner Elwyn Toozer said: "Passenger numbers are encouraging at this early stage," and that he plans to undertake a leaflet drop to make sure people are aware of the bus service.

'Incessant housebuilding cause of traffic congestion'

LATELY I have heard moans (mainly from car owners) about the introduction of the bus lane on Port Road.

I would like to remind people that Port Road has always been a dual carriageway and that the bus lane does not affect the traffic in anyway.

In fact, the lane has slightly improved things due to the fact that buses, taxis, ambulances, etc., are no longer in the normal traffic flow.

My conclusion is that traffic congestion is not caused by bus lanes, but by incessant house building coupled with no road development.

Malcolm Wilson, Barry.

'Did English councils put up stronger fight?'

WHEN I was a child in the 1950s, enjoying the coal dust in the water and on the beach at Barry Island, we thought nothing of it, as we didn't know any better.

When the mines closed and this strange liquid called clean water started flowing down the Taff, Rhymney and Usk rivers, we were very happy for our children to venture into the Bristol Channel again (a beautiful colour at high tide now).

Now we are faced with possible – though not proven – toxic waste being dumped off Cardiff.

Why isn't this mud being dumped offshore to the pristine beaches of Ilfracombe and Newquay where the channel is wider, and the mud would be dispersed a lot quicker?

Or did the councils over there put up a stronger fight than ours?

Tony Ryan, Rhoose.

'Thank you, kind stranger'

HOW stupid and distracted was I last Friday? I took my purse out to find the necessary change required to pump up my car tyres at the Culverhouse Tesco garage and left the purse on the car roof.

I left the garage, drove through the sets of lights, until the next ones changed to red before the A4050.

A horn beeped and the lady in a silver/grey people-carrier behind got out and rushed to my passenger window.

She took the purse off the roof and handed it to me. Aren't people so very kind? I am extremely grateful; thank you.!

F L Guthrie, Rhoose.

'Parking questionnaire was biased'

LAST Wednesday my wife and I went to the parking discussion meeting at Llantonian Hall in Llantwit Major.

We were handed a questionnaire asking, after years of free parking in Llantwit, what sort of parking charges would we like to pay. It was like asking turkeys if they would vote for Christmas.

The last page of the questionnaire asked questions such as whether we were male or female, what religion we were, how old we were and what ethnic group we were. What has that got to do with car parking charges?

I think, in a lot of cases, the cost of installing the parking meters and the cost of monitoring the scheme will far outweigh the revenue raised.

DC Geary-Andrews, Llantwit Major.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
13 Thur	09.42	10.2	21.59	10.0
14 Fri	10.19	9.8	22.39	9.6
15 Sat	10.57	9.2	23.15	8.9
16 Sun	11.36	8.5	23.57	8.2
17 Mon			12.25	7.9
18 Tues	00.53	7.6	13.38	7.5
19 Wed	02.22	7.3	15.13	7.3
20 Thur	03.56	7.5	16.31	7.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Will there be a new lease of life for Barry goods shed?

RIGHT: The old Goods Shed could be transformed when the new scheme is completed.

CONTRACTS have been exchanged between the Vale Council and developer DS Properties for an ambitious mixed use development.

The development proposal, which is subject to planning permission, proposes the conversion of a historic 1880s railway goods shed (the Gwalia Buildings on Hood Road) into a business and entertainment village featuring a range of pop-up cafes and bars, a technology hub, live work units and accommodation for small, local businesses that will trade out of modified shipping containers.

A Vale Council spokesperson said: "This scheme is the latest phase of the Innovation Quarter (IQ) at Barry Waterfront, a regeneration joint venture between the Vale Council and the Welsh Government aimed at establishing a mixed use urban quarter in the heart of Barry Waterfront.

"The Goods Shed project aims to complement other existing schemes at the Innovation Quarter including offices and workshops at the BSC (Business Services Centre), the Premier Inn Hotel, Brewers Fayre, Snap Fitness Gym, Academy Espresso Bar, Hang Fire Restaurant and the West Quay Medical Centre.

"Leading local developer DS Properties, who delivered the award-winning neighbouring Pumphouse conversion, is aiming to submit a planning application in the autumn for this exciting proposal for the goods shed."

The managing director of DS Properties, Simon Baston, said: "DS properties are absolutely delighted to announce that they are continuing their partnership with the Vale Council in purchasing the iconic Goods Shed. DS anticipates that the scheme will provide over 200 long term employment opportunities.

"It will also give an affordable and flexible solution to small and medium size enterprises in the Vale.

"DS genuinely believe that this is a new 'urban high street' for the 21st century and is pleased that the local authority has seen the benefit of this scheme for residents as well as local businesses."

Cllr Jonathan Bird, Vale Council cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "We are pleased to be working with DS Properties once again and look forward to the developer bringing forward a conversion scheme of a similar quality as the very popular Pumphouse, which has proven a huge success.

"The mixed use concept proposed is very creative and has the potential to be an exemplary sustainable mixed use scheme that will help boost the local economy and benefit the wider regeneration of Barry."

It is hoped that the scheme will complete in 2019.

Man has bike stolen while receiving CPR following an assault

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for information to find a bicycle stolen while a man was receiving CPR.

Police in Penarth are investigating an assault upon a 43-year-old local man that took place on a footpath at the rear of Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, on August 9 at around 3.30pm.

The man remains in a critical, but stable condition in hospital.

A force spokesperson said: "As the man was receiving CPR, an unknown male stole his Giant Revel mountain bike.

"This bike was the pride and joy of the injured man and as such, the family are keen to recover it.

"If you have seen the bike pictured or have any information as to its whereabouts please contact DC 5149 Daniel, Barry CID on 01446 731606."

A 15-year-old boy from Penarth, who was arrested on suspicion of assault, has been released under investigation.

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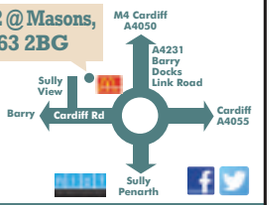

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Then, 18 years ago, they added another branch in Cowbridge and were there for 15 years before relocating to Pontyclun.

Now slowing down to retirement, they have closed all branches and have spent the last three years successfully trading in Pontyclun.

Raymond and Yvonne said that they love it in Pontyclun but the time has come to retire.

"As we are retiring and the shop closing, there are huge sales at the moment with big discounts on all stock – now is the time for our customers to get their Christmas presents early," said Ray, with many items having 50 per cent off.

"We hope to be finished by October or November," said Yvonne, "and spend Christmas Eve with the family this year.

"We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers for their valued support over all these years," she added.

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Penarth Sea Cadets hold AGM

PENARTH Sea Cadets will be holding their annual general meeting at their headquarters, TS *Glamorgan*, Stanwell Crescent, Penarth CF64 1DF at 6.30pm on Tuesday, September 25.

The AGM is being held to elect the new committee for Penarth Unit and the commanding officer, treasurer and chairperson will give their annual reports on the last year.

The group are always looking for volunteers for both the management committee and to assist in training.

Sea Cadets are an independent charity that relies on volunteers in the local community to help make a positive difference to the lives of children and teenagers.

If you think you could help, or if you are between the ages of 10 and 17 and are interested in becoming a sea cadet, come along to the meeting or contact Richard James on 029 20708560 or email rjames82@hotmail.com.

Angela Wing, Keith Hatton, Anne Fowler, Clare Richardson and Barbara Daniels with the donations.

Building society donates Lego to Dinas library

DINAS POWYS Library and Activity Centre has received donations of Lego from the Principality Building Society.

The library located next to the Dinas Powys Primary school already has an after-school Lego club.

Cllr Keith Hatton, a library trustee, said: "Many thanks to Principality Building Society for the generous donation of Lego kits to the library.

"Don't forget the Lego club in the library now that the school term has started.

"The library is a safe, warm and welcoming environment and we are delighted to see school pupils in the library. There is no 'quiet' rule."

The club is on after-school on Monday and Wednesday between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

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Jumbo jet pull for Barry U3A

MIKE WILCOCK contributes many items to The GEM each year and for the September meeting of Barry U3A, he presented two items about Cardiff Airport.

The first activity was of 10 different teams of people pulling a jumbo jet for the Red Nose charity back in 2011.

Apparently, the event took all day as after each team had made their 'pull', the plane had to be manoeuvred back into place for the next team. Mike did not know how much they had all raised for Red Nose Day, but they were clearly had a lot of fun.

The second event was where Mike had been extremely lucky to get a flight in the Goodyear Air Blimp which had been in Cardiff in 2011, being used as a high camera to capture the rugby for the BBC.

The blimp does not normally take tourists but it was taking another team of journalists on a trip and had a seat to spare for Mike.

As these blimps are rather rare these days, Mike considers himself very lucky to have had the experience.

He took a video of the trip which left the airport and flew over various places in the Vale going towards Cardiff.

The members tried to identify places from an aerial perspective, which they discovered was not that easy.

One of the things that really interested members was that the Blimp itself does not just come into land as most aircraft do.

It had ropes dangling from it at all times, and it was the job of a team on the ground at the airport to grab the ropes and bring it safely down to earth.

None of the passengers had parachutes, so it was essential that the ropes were caught in plenty of time before the fuel ran out.

The pilot had to fly round for a second time but the ropes were caught and eventually handed to a man who was positioned on top of a pole so that he could tether the Blimp to the pole, reminding members of the days of the Zeppelin.

If you are no longer in full-time employment or raising a family, then you are in your third age and new members are welcome to come along to our meetings.

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 1 at 2pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall at Harbour Road on the roundabout in Park Crescent.

Contact Christine on 01446 701537 for further information.

CD

Barry will feature in Remembrance documentary

Huw Edwards at Tabernacle Chapel, Holton Road.

BBC newsreader and presenter Huw Edwards recently spent the day in Barry filming a documentary on the war memorials in the town with Dr Jonathan Hicks.

Dr Hicks gave Mr Edwards a guided tour of four local venues and showed him the First World War memorials in Cadoxton School and Tabernacle Welsh Chapel, as well as the Hall of Memory in the Memorial Hall and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones in Merthyr Dyfan cemetery.

Dr Hicks said: "Huw was amazed at the quality of the Cadoxton School Memorial in particular, and indeed the large number of names on it.

"It really indicates how strongly the staff of the school felt at the time about commemorating their former pupils. It was a pleasure working with Huw and the film crew and I should like to thank all those local people who helped us with the filming.

"Hopefully, this documentary should really put Barry's commemoration of its Fallen on the map and show how much the town did, and still does, care about the sacrifices made."

The programme is due to be transmitted on BBC1 at the start of November.

Local charity holds its annual duck race

ValePlus members with their ducks.

THE Cadoxton River in Dinas Powys was the venue recently for the 15th annual ValePlus duck race.

Conditions after a dry summer were ideal, and 300 ducks were sent on their way by Cllr Steve Thomas, the chair of Dinas Powys Council.

The winning duck was bought by Lisa Taylor, who won the top prize of £50.

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Scarecrows are coming to Wenvoe...

THE Wenvoe scarecrow festival has become an established part of the village's events calendar and this year will be the fourth year the scarecrow festival has taken place.

The scarecrows can be seen on Saturday, September 22 from 2pm to 5pm in the grounds of St Mary's church, Wenvoe. The results of the judging will be announced between 10.30am to 11am on Sunday, September 23.

The festival aims to encourage as many people as possible of all ages to participate either by entering a scarecrow or going along to see the scarecrows and take part in the judging. Other than a small fee for the judging form, the festival is free to everyone.

Rev Jon Ormrod, who had the idea for the first festival, said: "One of the main aims of the festival is to foster and further strengthen the community spirit within the village. The last three festivals have been very well supported and great fun for children and adults alike.

"There is always a 'find the mini scarecrow competition' for children, and people love seeing the scarecrows and taking an active part in the judging. It is not too late to enter a scarecrow – you can email revjonormrod@yahoo.co.uk or wenvoescarecrows@yahoo.com for more information."

The weekend includes the parish's Harvest Festival and the church will be decorated on the Saturday. In addition, the plans for the new extension of the church will be on display.

The harvest festival service takes place on Sunday, September 23 at 9.30am.

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Maintenance work carried out at Old Harbour

WELSH Water has been carrying out key maintenance at Old Harbour, Barry Island.

Work was carried on an outfall at the Old Harbour because it sometimes gets obstructed by litter or debris washed in by the sea.

A manhole on the pavement next to the road has been reset and is due to be resurfaced this week.

Fundraising cabaret to be held by Rotarians

ON October 12-13, the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys will be holding its annual fundraising cabaret event to support Rotary local, national and international causes.

The evening will feature a mixture of fun and music from the Forté Cabaret Group, who will be performing songs from the musicals and a medley of aoul, Motown, ballad and dance numbers from the 1960s to the present day.

Following on from last year's success the show this year promises to be an equally extravagant and extraordinaire event. Bring along a picnic to enjoy during the intermission of the show and a bar will be available.

The event will be held at the Parish Hall in Dinas Powis to be held at 7.30pm. For tickets (£12.50), contact 02920 513177.

Talk on the Battle of Britain pilots

DURING the RAF's centenary year and a few days after the annual Battle of Britain celebrations, Barry Island Train Station is the venue for an illustrated talk by local author and veteran RAF pilot, Ron Powell.

Entitled *The Pilots of the Battle of Britain,* the talk starts in the Barry At War Museum at 7pm on Thursday, September 20 and admission is free.

Ron said: "My talk starts with a look at the differing backgrounds of the young men who became RAF pilots, their training and the aircraft they flew, as well as a brief description of the battle itself.

"In the end, I hope to put across the courage they needed to fly against overwhelming odds several times a day, day after day.

"Most were only 19 or 20 years of age and they paid a heavy price. A total of 544 lost their lives over the four months of the battle."

Barry At War Museum is open on Wednesday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm, and on the second Sunday of each month between 11am and 4pm.

Admission is free.

TH

The Gobaith Girls relaxing at 'The Buck' after the seven-mile circuit.

'Suicide Support Centre' pub run nets £1,000

THREE charity runners who raced around Barry's pubs to raise much-needed cash for Gobaith (Barri)'s Suicide Support Centre look set to net £1.000.

Nina Lawrence, whose childhood friend Lucinda and nephew Chae both took their own lives, with friends Sara and Helena, made a grand total of £786.10, with a few more donations promised online.

The trio, who were joined by super cyclist Jolene Sparkes and a team of bucket collectors, visited the Billy, the Witchill, Barry Town Football Club, the Cherry Orchard, the Park Hotel, the West End, Coffee Cove, Finnegans, the Academy, Wetherspoons, the Baruc Arms, the Butterfly Collector and The Buck.

Support worker Nina said: "Massive thanks to all those who gave so generously and willingly to our collectors Eva, Reiley, Lois, Anna and Leah.

"They were driven around the circuit ready to leap out to join the runners at each venue by Lisa, Vicky and Sue – thank you to our drivers too."

Barry resident Nina is keen to continue to raise money to help those affected by mental health and who need a safe haven in the town. Nina will follow the pub run with the Cardiff Half Marathon in October. All proceeds will go to Gobaith (Barri).

The pub run cash has been added to the £486 in the bank plus the £1,728.90 raised by the sponsored Pen Y Fan hike in June, the £256 from the August pub quiz and the £840 in Facebook donations also received.

Gobaith (Barri), which was set up by Nina's sister Rachel Degaetano following the death of her son Chae and seven young men to suicide in Barry since April 2015. The charity needs to hit a target of £85,000 to start the Suicide Support Centre. To date, they have raised over £4,000 – £880 of which they have donated to the Jacob Abraham Foundation (JAF).

Rachel has teamed up with the well-established JAF which has a support centre in Cardiff. The registered charity, soon to be renamed Suicide Support Cymru, was set up by Jacob's mother Nicola after the 24-year-old killed himself in October 2015.

Working together, Gobaith (Barri) hopes to replicate JAF's work to help prevent suicide through direct intervention with vulnerable people; raise awareness on mental health and/or suicide issues; promote positive mental health, and support people bereaved through suicide, in Barry and the rest of the Vale.

Rachel added: "We were too late for our children. Please support us to help the young adults of our community. We intend to do all that we can to help save lives and ensure another family doesn't have to endure the devastation that losing a loved one to suicide causes."

Gobaith (Barri) which promotes the #itsoknottobeok campaign is all about having the courage to stand up and say 'enough is enough', the strength to keep fighting for a vital Suicide Support Centre, the confidence to celebrate successes along the way, and the faith that the community will make a difference for young people in the town.

SVJ

Decision awaited on incinerator wood storage

CAMPAIGNERS railing against a storage facility for waste wood to fuel the Barry incinerator will have to wait even longer to find out whether it is legal.

JM Envirofuels has applied to the Vale Council for a legal notice to operate its wood storage facility in Wimborne Road, Barry.

The wood store has been described as a 'feeder site' for the Barry biomass plant, managed by Aviva, which is currently undergoing commissioning with the aim of producing energy in early 2019.

In its application, JM Envirofuels says wood has been stored at the site for more than 10 years and therefore immune from any enforcement action.

There have been calls for the wood store, which has been in operation since February this year, to be subject to a full planning application due to environmental and fire risk concerns.

Campaigners The Docks Incinerator Action Group urged councillors to refuse the legal notice application, claiming JM Envirofuels has failed to demonstrate the site has been continually used for storage only in the last 10 years.

Residents have also expressed concerns about the fire risks of the wood piles and airborne wood chippings, the campaigners say.

In March, nearby residents complained of wood chippings from the site being blown in the wind and causing breathing difficulties.

A statement by DIAG said there had been incidents across Wales of similar woodpiles catching fire spontaneously.

A spokesman from the campaigners said: "Wood dust is highly carcinogenic. This is yet another reason why people think this application should not be rubber stamped without full consideration of the environmental and public health benefits."

The Vale Council's Planning Committee on September 6 voted to defer the application.

At the meeting, those present were made aware that extra information about the application was provided to councillors the night before, but the council's lawyer was unable to look at the information as he was ill and it will therefore be discussed at a future meeting.

JM Envirofuels first sent its request to the council in August 2017.

In a report to the planning committee, Vale council officers said: "As this is an application for a certificate of lawfulness and is not a planning application, only the evidence submitted by the applicant to prove the use is lawful has been considered and assessed. The planning merits of the use or any other consequent issues are not relevant and cannot be considered as part of this submission.

"Having considered the evidence, it is considered on the balance of probabilities that B8 uses have been on-going for the requisite 10 years and consequently is its recommended that a certificate of lawfulness be granted."

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

Sunflower spread in Cadoxton

AFTER reading this week's issue of The GEM I saw a piece about a giant sunflower grown in Cadoxton.

That giant sunflower is actually small compared to mine.

Please find attached picture of an actual giant sunflower. Must be something about Cadoxton and sunflowers.

Ian Harfoot, Cadoxton.

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Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court wards will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, September 15 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am; no appointment necessary.

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Council's thanks for consultation response

EMMA REED, the Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport at the Vale Council, would like to thank all those who have taken the time to attend a drop-in session and respond to the car parking consultation so far.

She said: "We have been pleased with the turnout and would encourage all others with an interest to attend one of the remaining sessions, which are advertised below.

"By attending a drop-in session you will have the opportunity to speak to officers involved in this project. We will answer any queries you may have and discuss any concerns.

"We would also encourage you to complete the survey on the contents of the draft Strategy, which can be found online at *www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/parkingconsultation*.

"Hard copies of the survey are also available at main council reception areas and at libraries.

"The consultation will close on September 28, after which officers will prepare a report on the feedback received.

"Recommendations will then be considered by elected members at Cabinet and Scrutiny meetings before a final decision is taken on how to proceed."

Barry's Book of Remembrance – and adding the missing names

ON Saturday, September 22, at the Memorial Hall in Barry, the Royal British Legion is staging a Festival of Remembrance with a particular focus on the centenary of the Great War.

A centrepiece of the evening will be a Book of Remembrance of Barry's fallen of the war, compiled by historian Dr Jonathan Hicks who has spent 13 years researching Barry's contribution to the First World War.

As a result, the Book of Remembrance now contains an updated, definitive Roll of Honour of Barry men from all four services who died as a result of the war.

The book has been produced by the Royal British Legion with support from a legacy by former member Tommy Nettleship.

Here Dr Hicks tells the story of three of the missing men who have now taken their place in Barry's Roll of Honour.

The Roll of Honour in the Hall of Memory in Barry Memorial Hall is a wonderful tribute to the fallen of that terrible conflict, but it is of its time and contains some errors, and in addition a number of men were omitted when the roll was first compiled in 1932.

Families had died off or moved out of the area and as a result many men's names were not submitted. Unless it could be proved that a Merchant Navy man had died as the result of enemy action, then his name did not appear on the Tower Hill Memorial in London, and therefore was not included in the Roll of Honour.

I have taken the decision to add these men as, to my mind, they died on active service during the war; my reasoning being that men in the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force who died as the result of illness or an accident are included.

As an example of this, on New Year's Eve 1915 the Admiralty collier SS *Satrap* left Barry on sealed Government orders. She went missing on a stormy day and 11 Barry sailors were never seen again.

The wreck now lies off the coast of Pembrokeshire, near Manorbier. The third engineer was H May of 171 Gladstone Road. This was only his second voyage.

David Towers.

James John.

An interesting footnote to the story of the *Satrap* is that a few days after her sinking a member of the crew, Seaman Alexis Ivanhoe, was seen alive in Barry.

He was arrested and stood trial for his absence from the sailing and was sentenced to a month's hard labour. Upon his release he went back to sea and was killed as the result of enemy action in 1918 when the SS *Turnbridge* sank.

These are just some of the men who laid down their lives serving their country by running the gauntlet of the German U-boats in the waters around Britain to ensure that food and essential raw materials were brought into the country.

In the trenches near Maricourt on the Somme on the morning of August 27, 1916 was Rifleman James John from Barry.

James had written home: 'Our patrol reported a large German working party wiring to the right of our line. We went out and mounted our machine gun about 30 yards from them. The Lewis gun spoke, perhaps more spiteful and deadly than ever because I remembered my chums and also how three nights previous when we were marching over a road leading to the line that we had to pick our steps over a score of our lads, dead and dying…

'Snipers watch from dawn until dusk for targets. Trench mortars, rifle and hand grenades, shells of all descriptions and sizes, come at intervals. At nights machine gun fire sweeps parapets, communication trenches, roads near firing line etc. Bombarding is in the daily routine and nightly.

'You see the flash of the guns, hear the report, and then wait for the explosion; thoughts run riot in your brain; a flash, boom, and a crunch, and one, three, or perhaps 20 human beings are gone to the skies.'

James John was killed later that same day when a German shell exploded in the trench in which he was standing.

In December 1916, Corporal David Towers of the 17th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers was awarded the Military Medal.

David was 20 years old and the eldest son of Mr and Mrs D Towers of 29 Travis Street, but was adopted from childhood by his uncle Philip Phillips of 41 Evans Street, Barry Dock.

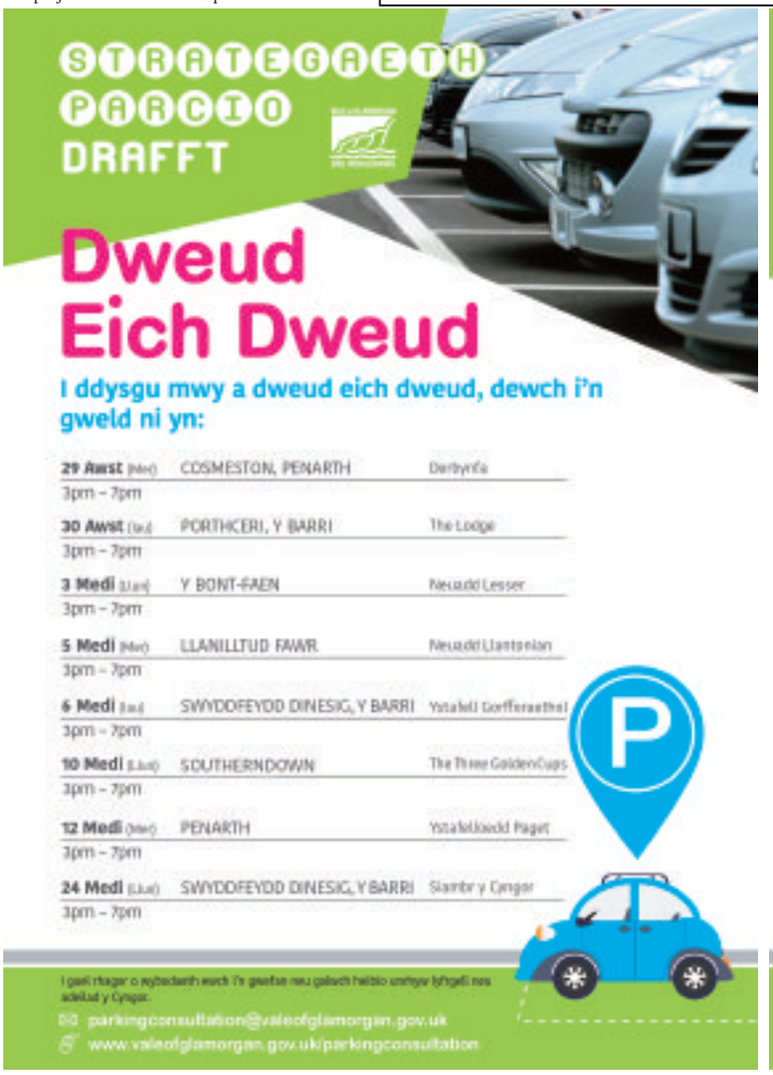
He had joined the Army in 1914 and was awarded the MM for 'gallant conduct during a raid on the enemy trenches on the night of 17/18th November, when attached to the 115th Trench Mortar Battery during the Battle of the Somme.'

On the night stated David Towers was ordered to go out into no man's land in charge of a trench mortar just before a battle was to begin. The reason for the order was to deceive the Germans. Shells and bullets began to fall around but he and his crew stuck to their trench mortar and carried it back safely.

David Towers was killed just a few months later on February 2, 1917. Writing home, Captain Morris of the same battery intimated that Towers was killed by a German shell. His last words were 'I am hit!'

All of these men are now commemorated in the Book of Remembrance.

Their sacrifice should never be forgotten.



Three Beavers received their Bronze Chief Scout award.

Bronze for Beavers

BEAVERS are for girls and boys aged from six to eight.

The Bronze Chief Scout Award is the highest award in the Beaver Section and, as any Beaver who has been awarded it, these three young people have worked hard to achieve the award, especially as one of the group, Nathan Fayre, was late in joining Beavers.

The Beavers in the photos are Nathan Fayre, Emilia Jones and Thomas Howcroft

To earn their award they have to complete six challenge badges with various challenges in each badge. These are: My World Challenge Award, My Skills Challenge Award, My Outdoors Challenge Award, My Adventure Challenge Award, Teamwork Challenge Award, and Personal Challenge Award.

They also have to do any four activity badges or staged activity badges.

We are very proud of these three young people.

Janet Davies

Traders' raffle is drawn

HIGH Street traders in Barry have launched a monthly raffle to raise funds for the Christmas lights switch-on and future events.

Chairman of the traders, Anthony Hopkins said: "Thanks to the donations from Barry Training Services and Jane Hutt our Christmas event looks safe but future events are in jeopardy unless we can raise more funds.

"We're very grateful to Cardiff Devils goaltender Ben Bowns who drew this month's winners."

Ben Bowns of Cardiff Devils drew this month's raffle winners.

Pensioner found 'safe and well'

ON September 10, Penarth Lifeboat Station helped in the search for a missing pensioner.

A spokesman said: "We were requested at 12.12pm to assist in a multiagency search for a suspected missing elderly person from the Penarth area.

"Together with the St Athan helicopter, Penarth Coastguard rescue team and Barry Coastguard a thorough search was carried out."

The man was found safe and well ashore.

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Lido railings 'look more cared for'

ART4 U has finished painting the Knap Lido railings.

Local artist Glyn Pooley told The GEM: "What a big job that was! We chose colours that made reference to the old Lido chalets that used to be on the site.

"It does look so much more cared for now and the feedback from the local community has been great.

"We would like to thank all the volunteers who put in so much time to make a lovely job and for the support of the Knap Community Action Group and the Vale Council who supplied the paint.

"We have also set up a Friendship Garden opposite the Bridge Cafe with a subtle blue railing to support a beautiful eucalyptus and juniper tree."

'Kinging-it' completes rally

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Aimee told us: "It's to celebrate my 10-year 'all clear' from cancer and to support CLIC Sargent which provided support for me and my family after my diagnosis."

They completed the journey in a 1.2 litre Fiat Panda. They had expected a few popped tyres but in the end they only had two punctures.

On the other hand, they had 12 visits to the garage, needed 40-plus stops for petrol and received four parking tickets.

Much of the trip was undertaken as part of a convoy which meant people were on hand to help each other. At the finishing line Aimee said: "After 70 days on the road (some of it driving from Wales to the start line) we finally made it and we are overwhelmed with emotion.

"This trip has been full of life lessons. As soon as we met our convoy it became about the people and the team work. We wouldn't have got anywhere without these beautiful human beings.

"We hit the lowest of lows and the highest of highs together and we wouldn't have had it any other way.

"It feels so surreal actually crossing the line after so much planning and imagining this moment. There have been tears shed, and this is by far the most exciting, challenging and emotionally charged adventure we have ever experienced.

"We have so many vlogs to edit and we can't wait to show everyone the crazy adventures."

The team was also raising funds for 'Big Moose' a non-profit organisation that "...inspires people to live healthier lives".

Start times for Cowbridge 10K

MORE informtion has been released about the Cowbridge 10k event, which takes place on Sunday, September 30.

The 5k run will start at 10am and the 10k runners will line up to start at 10.30am.

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'Lonely dog on a beach' by Mike Baker.

Vale Photographic Club welcome new members

VALE Photographic Club's new season started on September 7 with the weekly programme of meetings that will run regularly from now until July 2019.

As always, there will be a mix of talks about photography, practical sessions, critique evenings, competitions and social events. The club also holds several exhibitions each year where members can show their images to the public. The club prides itself on welcoming newcomers warmly and being the home for people who want to have fun while learning how to improve their photography.

The club meets weekly on Fridays in Ystradowen Village Hall at 7.15pm. Whether you are a seasoned photographer or new to photography, why not come along and find out more?

Another great way to find out more about the club is have a look at our website which has our programme of activities as well as lots of information about us and our members.

Club members have been busy over the last two months with the summer programme as well as their own holiday photography. At the club's exhibition at the Vale Show last month, visitors voted for their favourite image. This year, the winner was Mike Baker with his delightful picture of a lonely dog on a beach.

For information on the club, visit http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk, or simply turn up to a club evening on a Friday at 7.15pm in Ystradowen Village Hall.

Vale MP has major pride for Major Pride

Welsh Secretary **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to GEM readers

LAST weekend I was delighted to attend the first Major Pride event in Llantwit Major. This was the first Pride event to take place in the Vale of Glamorgan.

As the local MP, it was a real privilege to be invited to join the event and to see first-hand how our community in Llantwit Major really got behind it.

It was a huge milestone to see the Pride flag flying throughout the town and it was an honour to be a part of the opening of Major Pride.

It was a spectacular day that united the whole community.

I'd like to pay tribute to Rhodri Ellis Owen, who organised the event. His enthusiasm was infectious and the impact will be long lasting. Rhodri worked tirelessly to ensure that the event was a success. He did a fantastic job and I know that so many people enjoyed the day.

I'd also like to thank all who put their heart and soul into getting involved. From local businesses and residents to those working for the police and emergency services; so many showed their support.

I was delighted to be involved in awarding certificates to businesses that had taken part in the competition for the best window display leading up to Major Pride.

As the first event, it was all about making sure everyone knew that it was happening and that everyone got involved and I was so impressed by the displays.

This hugely successful local event is a reflection of a wider picture in recent years. Gay Marriage passed in the House of Commons in 2013. I regret the decision to vote against it and see the positive difference it has made to the lives of many.

It was a pleasure to hand over the awards to Cwtch for first prize, Well Pharmacy for second and Gwyneth J Morgan Optometrist for third. Huge congratulations to those stores and to everyone else who participated, it was amazing to see the shopfronts of Llantwit so colourful.

I would also like to mention Nickleby's Bookstore, who were awarded 'highly commended' for their window display. Although they did not make the top three, I was particularly impressed by the thought behind their display as they ensured that all books in their window were written by LGBT authors.

There is no doubt that Major Pride should be a permanent fixture and return to Llantwit in the future. I know that it will be warmly welcomed by all and I can't wait to be involved once again.

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Local nurse receives award nomination

A nurse who began as a care assistant and climbed the ladder to oversee the running of a home has been shortlisted for an award.

Emma Watkins, aged 32, is deputy manager of College Fields Nursing Home in Barry. She has worked there for the past decade.

Her rise from care assistant to a leader in the home has led her to be nominated in the Independent Sector Nurse of the Year Award in the Wales Care Awards.

Emma, who lives in St Athan, said: "I nearly cried when I found out I had been nominated.

"I was so overwhelmed and really happy. I honestly didn't expect it because it's such a hard category."

Emma began working at College Fields as a care assistant in 2008. The former Barry College and Cardiff University student completed her nursing degree while working there and became a floor manager before landing her latest post.

The ceremony takes place in Cardiff on October 19.

Poetry at Griffin

GRIFFIN Books will welcome two poets to Penarth for a reading on Saturday, September 22.

Christina Thatcher and Helen Calcutt will each read poems from their recent collections themed around motherhood, family and grief.

Owner Mel Griffin said: "We are seeing increasing interest in poetry, with the Poetry Showcase one of the most popular events at this year's Literature Festival in July, and a sellout event with Owen Sheers taking place this Friday."

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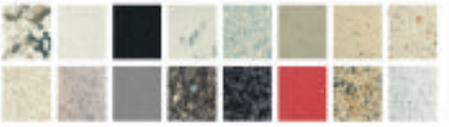

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'Town centre micropub planning not yet approved' says Vale Council

MANAGERS of a new micropub in Barry say they are confident the venue can continue, despite opening before securing planning permission.

Owners of the Butterfly Collector say they have received good support from the public since opening the real ale and craft beer bar in a previously empty unit in Holton Road in August.

The Vale Council has said a planning application for the micropub has not yet been approved.

Cllr Vince Driscoll, vice-chairman of the council's planning committee, is the landlord of the unit but has had no involvement with the business, the managers of the pub have said.

The pub managers are working with the council's planning team to resolve the planning situation as soon as possible.

A spokesman for the Butterfly Collector said: "We're doing everything we can with the planning application and providing any information needed by the planning officers.

"The support has been fantastic. The pub is a good thing for the town. Hopefully they will see that.

"Based on the feedback we have had, the community thinks it's a positive to have a business of this nature."

The council says it is not unlawful to open in advance of obtaining planning permissions, but developers do so at their own risk.

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, a member of the Vale council's planning committee, said: "The opening of the new pub has been welcomed by many people, it's been in the local papers and there's been a buzz about it on social media.

"However, when a pub opens in a building apparently owned by a Conservative councillor who is both the chair of licensing and vice-chair of planning, you would expect them to follow the rules.

"Barry residents would be appalled if developers started to build houses or the incinerator started operating before planning permission is agreed."

The application for the micropub is due to be presented to the planning committee on September 27.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "While it is not unlawful to open in advance of obtaining planning permission from the council, it would be unauthorised and it is unfortunate if this has happened.

"Any operator or developer who does so, does this at their own risk, should the council determine that planning permission should not be granted."

The Fresh Bacon Company, of which Mr Driscoll is a director, is listed as the owner of the unit in the planning application.

Mr Driscoll has been contacted for comment.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

EuroSkills test in Budapest looms for local student

CARDIFF and Vale College Electrical Installation apprentice Tom Lewis will be joining the best of the UK's young learners as he heads off to Budapest for the EuroSkills finals later this month.

Team UK – 22 of the UK's most able apprentices and students working in the engineering, digital, construction and professional industries – are facing tough competition as they take on their Continental peers

Mr Lewis, 21 and from Maesteg, has been supported throughout the WorldSkills process by his employers Blues Electrical and his college electrical installation tutor Geoff Shaw.

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Epilepsy support group

EPILEPSY Wales runs a monthly support group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry.

This will be held on Thursday, September 20 from 10.30am to 12pm. You will be able to chat to health care professional Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales and find out what is available in your area.

No appointment is needed, just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

No. 98 bus: 'Use it or lose it' urges Mayor

VALE Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands has praised the efforts of local campaigners following the fight to increase services on the 98 bus from Highlight Park to King Square.

Cllr Rowlands, who was involved in the campaign along with residents and local MP Alun Cairns, said he is "delighted" that the trial service is under way.

He said: "I'm delighted that we've secured a result on the 98 bus.

"I've been working with local residents who have played a vital role in achieving this. Strong campaigns, led by local people, are the best way to fight the issues that really matter.

"We had the benefit of that when fighting for the 98 bus."

Cllr Rowlands requested that the Vale Council release funding for the bus trial which runs until December 21. The council and Cardiff Bus have said that for the service to continue it needs people to use it in numbers.

Cllr Rowlands added: "It shows when people work together on local issues, we can achieve positive outcomes."

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FRIENDS' QUIZ

FRIENDS of Penarth Library are holding a quiz in the library on Stanwell Road on Tuesday, September 25 from 6pm to 8pm.

Teams should be between four and six people and the price is £2 per head. Refreshments will be provided and a raffle will be held during the evening.

To book a team, call in to the library and pick up a booking form or ring the library on 02920708438.

Recycling: a Vale councillor responds

LAST week, Island resident Barrie V Evans wrote a letter to The GEM arguing that wheelie bins might provide some of the answers for the Vale Council's waste and recycling service and that there were other new measures he did not agree with.

Here Cllr Geoff Cox, the Vale cabinet member for neighbourhood services, responds to the points Mr Evans made…

Mr Evans said: "First we were told to separate all our recyclable waste and then that was changed to tell us all we should co-mingle it."

Many people may not appreciate that I was the cabinet member who a number of years ago made the decision to co-mingle.

This was the correct decision at the time, to reduce costs while also increasing the recycling rate through increased participation and ease of use, especially as recycling was still relatively new to some residents.

However, most GEM readers will appreciate that when the global recycling market recently took a downturn, influenced by the restrictions imposed by China, it had a significant impact on the value of recyclate, making it more expensive to sell a co-mingled recycling product because of its lesser quality.

In addition, charges by processers to sort co-mingled material have increased by over £500,000.

This means that a separated, high quality product, produced as a result of separated collections is far more valuable and sustainable as this material is more sought after by processors.

However, it is not just about price, as the council has a legal duty under the Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 to collect waste paper, metal, plastic and glass separately if the quality from a co-mingled service is compromised.

We previously could justify having a co-mingled collection but we cannot now do so.

Mr Evans mentioned 'wheeled bins…'

The photograph by Mr Evans of bins at the council's Court Road depot shows bins that were present on the site a few years ago.

We now hold a stock of 497 bins of various sizes and types within our depot at Court Road. We are required to keep a variety of sizes of bins to supply areas unaffected by the new recycling arrangements which are to be introduced next year.

Examples are communal bin stores located at flats and apartment blocks and for our dedicated commercial waste service that requires a selection of wheeled bins to be readily available for supplying potential customers.

If all 50,000 plus households in the Vale were to be supplied with wheeled bins it would cost the council, and subsequently the ratepayers, around £1.5m.

Additionally, our existing collections vehicles would need to be fitted with alternative bin lifts at a cost of around £250,000 and these would adversely affect the productivity of collection crews as it takes longer to load wheeled bins than non-returnable containers.

The use of wheeled bins is simply financially unsustainable and, even if we could obtain grant funding for them, it is not something the council would consider.

As I have previously explained, it would result in an increase of unwanted waste and produce high levels of contaminated mixed recycling, further increasing the current processing costs.

Mr Evans referred to: "...two black bags a fortnight"

Past performance has shown that many households are able to cope with the two black bags or less a fortnight. With the new policy there will still be no limit to the amount of dry, garden and food recycling waste and if residents follow the guidelines the black bag allowance is achievable.

There is support and additional waste allocations for households that produce high levels of pet waste, nappies/adult hygiene products and ashes (non-recyclable material).

Early indications demonstrate an exceptional response from our residents with a 29 per cent decrease in the amount of black bag waste in the first week of the new system, when compared to the same period of time over previous years.

Mr Evans raised the issue of fly-tipping.

The council will not hesitate to take action against anyone caught fly-tipping. Fly-tipping is a crime and anyone caught could be issued with a fixed penalty notice or prosecuted and fined.

I hope that my response will provide some further assurance to your readers.

Charity receives month's supply of free milk

Pictured receiving his prize from Jones Dairies is Steve Thomas (left).

JONES Dairies of Barry recently sponsored a competition at the Vale Show to guess the amount of milk produced by a cow in one day.

The competition proved challenging, with most of the guesses being too low. The winner who was nearest the answer of 93 pints was Steve Thomas of High Street, Barry.

Steve donated the prize of a month's supply of milk to local charity Cafe No 5, which is run by ValePlus and is based in High Street, Barry.

NFU Vale Show prize winner

Pam Harris of the Bridgend agency presents the wellies to a delighted Mrs Trevitt.

NFU Mutual Bridgend and the Vale agency held a prize draw at their stand at this year's successful Vale of Glamorgan Show.

The prize was a pair of Hunter wellies and socks, which was won by Sue Trevitt.

Charity wants to hear your 'sea' memories

A 200-YEAR-old maritime charity is calling on people in the Vale to share their memories of the sea to highlight their connection and dependence on the sea.

Stuart Rivers, Sailors' Society's CEO said: "Whether it's beach balls, flip-flops or the ingredients used to make an ice cream, 90 per cent of everything you see beside the seaside is transported by sea.

"During the heatwave, many people from the Vale will have headed to the beach to create long-lasting memories.

"Whether you spent childhood holidays at the beach, or have made a career out of working at sea, we'd love to hear and share your stories."

Sailors' Society works internationally to provide practical, emotional and spiritual welfare support to the world's 1.6m seafarers, regardless of their background or faith.

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Barry's grand parade as RAF celebrates its freedom of the Vale – granted 44 years ago

The RAF Claymore sword.

Members of RAF St Athan marched through Barry to celebrate 80 years since it was first established and 100 years of the Royal Air Force.

On Sunday, September 9, around 390 RAF personnel met at King Square in Barry, before marching down Holton Road to the Vale Council's Civic Offices.

The event was attended by Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, Council Leader John Thomas, Vale Council Managing Director Rob Thomas, and Secretary of State for Wales Rt Hon Alun Cairns, Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff.

It was the final of five parades that RAF St Athan has led across south Wales.

The Parade Commander, Wing Commander Steve Rowley, marched with a rare RAF Claymore Sword, one of only three known to exist in the UK.

The Freedom Sword was gifted to the Vale Council in 1974 when RAF St Athan was awarded the Honorary Freedom of the county borough. The sword was last paraded in 2013, but this is the first time that a Station Commander has carried the sword in a Freedom Parade.

Cllr Leighton Rowlands, said: "It was a great honour to allow RAF St Athan to exercise their freedom to march through the streets of Barry to celebrate their 100 years. It was wonderful to see so many people support and pay tribute to past, present and future RAF members."

Alin Cairns MP said: "The parade was a fantastic way to demonstrate the pride we have in our Armed Forces and I'm delighted that our celebration in Barry was the biggest RAF100 event in Wales.

"It shows how well appreciated the RAF is locally and I'd like to pay tribute to the incredible individuals who serve and have served for everything they have done for our country."

An RAF100 exhibition is currently on display at Cowbridge & District Museum in Cowbridge Town Hall. The exhibition is a celebration of engineering training, aircraft storage and aircraft engineering excellence carried out at RAF, as well as local people who served in the RAF. The display will run until October 20.

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Out & About with The GEM

American Animals blurs boundaries – and makes for a wholly thrilling experience

by GARETH JAMIESON
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ONE of the finest documentaries of recent years is Bart Layton's The Imposter, a story of fake identities and frightening truths. Much like many documentary filmmakers, Layton has now tried his hand at tackling a feature film, but American Animals comes with a twist.

Balancing documentary and dramatic retelling, it's the story of Spencer Reinhard (Barry Keoghan), Warren Lipka (Evan Peters), Eric Borsuk (Jared Abrahamson) and Chas Allen (Blake Jenner), four friends whose ordinary existence is shattered when Reinhard and Lipka come up with the idea for one of the most audacious heists in American history.

Planning to steal rare books from a university library, the four friends soon begin to unravel under the pressure of what they're planning...

Moving from documentary to feature film is a journey littered with potholes, but Bart Layton, on the evidence of *American Animals*, has managed to safely avoid these pitfalls.

Using a mix of talking heads and dramatic reconstruction, *American Animals* treads a woozy balance, but it's Layton's ability to drive the story and create interesting juxtapositions both narratively and visually that make this film a truly superb piece of work.

At its core is a heist movie, but one that feels as ill-thought out as it is audacious; stealing rare books from a library guarded only by one older lady, the group see this is as a way out of their humdrum lives. But while the heist works on paper, once put into action, can they see a way to doing what they think they can do?

It's one of many questions proffered throughout, a story of youthful ennui and disenfranchisement, trying to find a way out of a life that offers, to those involved, seemingly nothing. Not that these are four, down-at-the-heel young men – they are athletes, artists, wannabe FBI agents, all drawn to the idea of this heist as a way of making sense of their everyday existence.

What unfolds, as Layton tells the story with regular cutaways to the real people involved, is a thrilling and exciting tale of trust and escapism, one that leaves you wholly rapt and engaged throughout.

The story is captivating enough, but Layton is smart enough to play in the grey area between dramatic retelling and documentary realism.

Events are debated and amended by Layton (meeting a fixer, we go back and forth altering the colour of his scarf, and even the fixer himself, based on the real-life recollections of those involved), while the real subjects and their dramatised counterparts share the screen debating the reality of the events they are recounting.

While it sounds a little highfalutin', Layton grounds it so that it adds depth and layers to the story being told, and it's a formidable and highly impressive outing for the British filmmaker.

The cast are all very good; Barry Keoghan (who was so impressive in *Dunkirk*) capturing the tortured nature of a teenager whose big idea is crumbling around him and he wants out, while Evan Peters portrays the brains and the drive of the group, an individual who is prepared to push things. Jared Abrahamson and Blake Jenner round out the four, their turns quietly strong but ceding centre ground to the central relationship of Keoghan and Peters, who are excellent.

It would have been easy to have played this straight as a heist movie, made the central characters loveable rogues, but Layton is always capable of subtly shifting our gaze, and when it comes to the heist itself, reminding us that beneath the jokey atmosphere there is a sense of malevolence that will come down to bear on those caught up in the middle of it.

If you want to nitpick, you could suggest that the running time is a bit generous, with Layton playing events out slowly, but this works to the film's advantage. As the story unfurls, you find yourself becoming drawn deeper and deeper.

Come the climax, Layton's ability to peel away layers pays dividends as you find yourself wondering just what is truth and what is subjective, and it results in a film that is one of the most impressive of this year. *American Animals* is a tremendously daring piece of work.

VERDICT: A heist film with a twist, *American Animals* becomes a richer and more layered film through the use of talking heads and a teasing thread of truth. Playing with conceptions and the subjectiveness of events, Bart Layton crafts a thrilling and tension-fuelled study of the ambivalence of youth. One of the year's best, this comes wholly recommended. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Impostor* (2012).

Glamorgan NFU/YFC Harvest Festival

NFU CYMRU and Glamorgan YFC will host a Harvest Festival on Thursday, October 4 at Margam Abbey, Margam, Port Talbot.

This year's service will start at 7.30pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

Glamorgan NFU Cymru county chairman, Gwyn Thomas said: "Once again we hope to get a good turnout at this year's event. I would encourage all local members to come along to join with the local rural youth movement, Glamorgan YFC, for this annual event. The invitation is extended to all – we look forward to welcoming you there."

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Messy Church

MESSY Church will be held this coming Sunday, September 16 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm until about 4pm.

We extend a very warm welcome to youngsters (and toddlers, with their parents) to some fun activities for all of the family; lots of crafty things to make, a Bible story, a bit of singing and plenty of refreshments.

We would be so pleased if you could join us: further info from Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020; Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann roach, on 01446 781309.

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Care and Repair will hold an advice session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, September 18 from 10am to 12pm No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Councillors' surgery

CLLRS Gordon Kemp and Matt Lloyd will hold a surgery at Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhoose, on Saturday, September 15 between 10am and 11am; no appointment necessary.

Charity scooter ride

THERE will be a charity ride by Distant Echo Scooter Club on Sunday, September 16 from the Tynewydd Inn at 11am to Porthcawl and back. Scooters and motorbikes all welcome, and donations encouraged.

MP surgery

ALUN CAIRNS MP is holding a community surgery at Glenbrook Inn, Barry on Monday, September 17, running from 7pm until 8pm.

The surgery is an open forum, where residents will have the opportunity to ask questions on a range of issues. Anyone who is interested in attending should call 01446 748 657.

Please note, there will not be an opportunity for private discussion at this surgery; for more information contact the office.

Diabetes event

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group takes place on Tuesday, September 18 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm to 9pm.

The speaker will be Menna Jones from MIND in the Vale, who will speak on 'General wellbeing, depression and living with a chronic disease' who will also be providing leaflets and information on other relevant courses.

Community surgery

ALUN CAIRNS MP is holding a community surgery at The Barn at West Farm on Tuesday, September 18, running from 6pm until 7pm.

The surgery is an open forum, where residents will have the opportunity to ask questions on a range of issues. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact the office on 01446 748 657.

Please note, there will not be opportunity for private discussion at this surgery, for more information contact the office.

Brainteasers for a better memory

AN Alzheimer's Society dementia champion will be available at the cafe from 10am until 12pm on Tuesday, September 18 to discuss how we can support people with dementia.

Did you know that 'brainteaser' games can help your memory? There will be 10" tablets available with games downloaded for people to try, with volunteer computer support.

Games included on the tablets are: Sudoku, word search, Endless Quiz, Memory Cards, Solitaire, Colour Me, and online jigsaws. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Royal British Legion

THE next meeting of the Royal British Legion, Barry is taking place on Tuesday, September 18 at 7.30pm in Cadoxton Conservative Club.

Members, non-members, volunteers or anyone wanting to find out more about the RBL are welcome.

In this centenary year of the cessation of hostilities at the end of World War One, there is much planned. Follow the group on Facebook – RBL Poppy Appeal, Barry and Rhoose.

'Parent Voice Group' launch meeting

PARENTS of pupils at High Street Primary School in Barry have launched a 'parent voice group'.

The first meeting, at the school, is on Tuesday, September 18 at 6pm.

Floral society

'SPORTING Favourites' is the title of a floral demonstration at Barry Floral Society's next meeting, by Yvonne Berry of Bromyard.
The meeting will take place at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry on Tuesday, September 18 at 2.15pm. New members always welcome.

Valeways walks

ON 18 September at 10yb, 'Celf yn yr Orsaf – Valeways Art Track', Gorsaf Reilffordd Y Barry Railway Station.

On Wednesday, September 19 at 10am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Bridge Cafe car park in Barry.

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Councillor questions abilities of local authority staff over parking strategy report

A COUNCILLOR has voiced concern at £48,000 the Vale Council paid outside consultants to prepare a draft parking strategy.

The proposals are under public consultation until September 28.

Cllr Kevin Mahoney, who represents the Sully Ward, claimed council employees could have done the job, saving money.

He said: "Quite frankly, if the Vale doesn't have the capability for its own staff to come up with a 'let's introduce and increase parking charges to make more money out of residents and visitors' report without handing over an outrageous £48,000 to Capita, then we need to take a good look at staffing abilities."

Cllr Mahoney said he was "hugely concerned" at the implications of the parking proposals for residents and local businesses.

"In my own ward, the implications of imposing parking charges at Cosmeston Park has the potential to see large numbers of visitors to the park avoiding fees by clogging up the narrow access roads at Lavernock Park estate.

"The council's own consultation map actually has this – and other estates and residential areas identified as potential dispersal areas – already acknowledging that locations will more than likely become new parking facilities for the country park and high street shopping centres."

Cllr Mahoney said he didn't think Vale rate payers should have to pay to visit a park that they already fund out of their council tax.

"At a time when we are all concerned about fitness and health levels, to impose a fine on residents to visit a park that they already fund for their exercise and social activities, is simply wrong. Regular visitors could be looking at a couple of hundred pounds a year just to visit their own park."

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Cllr Mahoney said: "What is left out of the proposals is the removal of free parking for the officials and councillors putting forward these proposals, who all enjoy free parking at council offices.

"A significant number of councillors even have the cheek to have permits for their own exclusive reserved free car parking area at County Hall.

"I'm wondering why they feel that they are so important that they should enjoy free reserved parking when the general public currently has to scrap it out for limited parking elsewhere, and now faces these new restrictions and charges.

"I personally refuse to take advantage of this little perk available only to the 'great and good'."

Cllr Mahoney added: "I would like to suggest that the councillors' 'reserved free parking area' is removed and that all council office car parks are open to the public during working hours on a 'two hours before paying' basis.

"This would also apply to the officials and councillors who currently enjoy free parking while proposing to impose fees on others."

A Vale Council spokesperson explained that the management of parking (and other services) was in the spotlight because of the reduced financial settlement from the Welsh Government.

"Producing the 'Draft Parking Strategy' was a technical piece of work that required a high level of parking and transportation expertise.

"It involved promoting the efficient use of parking spaces in the Vale, while encouraging alternative sustainable modes of transport and enhancing the local economy.

"The council had neither the staff resources nor the necessary specialist experience in house to conduct this research which is why Capita were contracted to undertake it.

"Given the continual year on year reductions in the settlement afforded to this council by Welsh Government, the council must consider its approach to the management of car parking and other services across the Vale.

"A consultation exercise on this issue is currently taking place and we invite residents, local business owners, councillors and other stakeholders to contribute by the deadline of September 28.

"A number of well-attended drop-in sessions have already been held and we thank those that have participated for their contribution. All views expressed will be given full consideration and no decisions on this matter have yet been taken.

"The council is looking at introducing a parking strategy for a number of reasons.

"We need to generate a turnover of vehicles in town centres and ensure that the same cars do not remain parked in these areas for extended periods of time. Such a turnover can benefit town centre businesses as well as visitors.

"It is also vital that we recoup the costs linked to car parking provision, as well as those associated with maintaining other areas such as highly regarded country parks like Porthkerry.

"This money can then be used to run the car parks and reinvest into town centres, coastal resorts and green spaces as well as assisting the council to manage its budgets moving forward."

The spokesman added: "Under the Capita proposals, the Civic Office would serve as a private car park throughout the working week. Then on the weekend and bank holidays it would became a long-stay car park, with councillors and council staff subject to exactly the same charges as everyone else."

Davies beats Davies in race to replace Davies as Conservative leader

PAUL DAVIES was named the new leader of the Welsh Conservative Group in the assembly last week, beating South Wales West Regional AM Suzy Davies for the position.

The announcement was made following a ballot of members at Ffos Las Racecourse, Kidwelly.

Speaking after the result, the AM for Preseli Pembrokeshire, said: "I am humbled to have won the support of so many MPs, AMs, Councillors, activists and grassroots supporters from across Wales."

The election was called after South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies stood down as group leader earlier this year.

Speaking of Suzy Davies, Paul Davies said: "(she) fought an optimistic and forward-looking campaign, and I look forward to working closely with her, and the rest of the Welsh Conservative team, over the coming months and years.The declaration was made by the Chairman of the Welsh Conservatives, Byron Davies.

He said: "I'd like to thank both Paul and Suzy for their exemplary campaigns. They worked hard, stayed focused and remained positive throughout.

"With Paul as our new group leader in the assembly, we can now get on with the business of holding Welsh Labour to account and speaking up for the people of Wales as the only real credible alternative for government.'

Suzy Davies said she was disappointed by the result, but pledged her support for the new leader.

She said: "The prize here is much bigger than this contest – it is a Wales for the future, not a Wales of the past. I congratulate Paul and wish him well. He has my personal support in our march forward.

She went on: I am profoundly grateful to those who voted for me but I know they understand, even in a competition like this, we are all on the same side. And we need to be if Wales is to see that life beyond Labour is worth fighting for."

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Male voice choir to hold an open evening

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir in conjunction with their sponsors The Place for Homes are holding an open and recruitment evening on September 19 at The Place for Homes, Unit 1, Sutton Road, Llandow, Cowbridge.

A buffet supper will be provided from 6pm, the choir's open rehearsal will start at 7.30pm.

If you are interested in seeing how a male voice choir works, come along next Wednesday and not only enjoy the rehearsal but see what The Place for Homes can offer.

Gentlemen: this is an ideal opportunity to come along and sing with the choir and see exactly what you can achieve. Don't be shy, come along and join in.

You can also bring your wife and let her browse while you join in the singing!

The choir's next concert is a joint concert with Cathays Brass on Saturday, September 22 at the church of St Andrew and St Teilo, Woodville Road, Cathays, Cardiff commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 are available from cathaysbrasstickets@gmail.com. This concert is in aid of the charity Llamau.

Llamau aim to end home homelessness and change futures by addressing the complex and individual needs of people facing homelessness

Following that, on Wednesday, September 26 the choir will be in concert at the Church of St Cadoc Llancarfan. The concert will start at 7.30pm.

The choirs look forward to meeting you at any or all of these events.

Commemorative quilt exhibited

THE Cowbridge Commemorative Quilt has now been completed and will be shown at the Lesser Hall on October 30 between 2pm and 4pm, before being hung in the Ty Hafan shop window on October 31.

It will remain there until Thursday, November 15.

News in brief

Vale Stroke Group

THE Vale Stroke Group resumes on Tuesday, September 18 at Llantonian Hall in Llantwit Major.

Organiser Liz Evans said: "The meeting will start at 2pm and will go on until around 4pm. People who have suffered a stroke, are a carer, or family member, are all welcome to attend.

"On September 18 we are welcoming someone from 'Samaritans' who will give a talk. There will be a chance for people to have a chat and tea or coffee afterwards."

The group provides support for people living with the effects of a stroke. People attend it from the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge areas, but organisers welcome anyone from across the Vale.

Tractor run

A CLASSIC tractor road run is being held on Sunday, September 23 at 10am starting from Llanilid Farm, Pencoed (CF35 5LA) supporting Nick's Trust Fund and Marie Curie in memory of Lizzie Edwards (further details from Wayne Griffiths on 07866 495064).

Entry is £10 per tractor/vehicle/4x4. Guest appearance by Welsh Rugby International Players at the half way stop and a Gareth Bale-signed football shirt, a signed pair of worn football boots by Gareth Bale and a Cardiff City-signed football are to be auctioned along with many other generously donated items. A hog roast is to be served along with Sub Zero ice-cream. Come along and support them, bring the children for some fun.

Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers meet

TALENTED and well-known demonstrator Delyth Price visited our club this month.

The colour and magic she brought with her arrangements left the club in awe.

The arrangements were raffled leaving some members very, very happy. In the photograph is Delyth Price making final adjustments to one of the arrangements.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 3 in the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge at 7.30pm. New members always welcome.

Meet the police around the Vale

GIBBONSDOWN 'Cuppa with a Copper' is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

GIBBONSDOWN PACT will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday, September 18 at the residents' board office, Coychurch Rise, Barry. You can meet your local officers at **PENARTH** Leisure Centre on Thursday, September 13 at 10am.

Meet your local officer at **LLANTWIT MAJOR** Library on Thursday, September 13 between 10.30am and 11.30am. PCSO Angela Stone will be on hand for a coffee and chat at the village shop, **COLWINSTON**, on Tuesday, September 25 at 11am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

WI 'spellbound' by Mavis's silk prints

ON September 6, St Nicholas WI met after their summer recess in The Reading Room, Bonvilston.

President Jan Hayes welcomed Mavis Tierney, who gave us a very interesting and entertaining demonstrated of silk printing. Mavis told us of her busy life silk printing, beekeeping, two allotments and being a tutor in Denman College.

The colours of the scarf she created were amazing and the audience were spellbound.

Following refreshments, arrangements were made for a trip to the Royal Mint and lunch at the Butcher's Arms on September 12. Plans were discussed for our Christmas meal.

The raffle was won by Anne Walklate and our speaker for October 4 is Deborah Johnson: an 'Edwardian Maid' at 7pm. All new members welcome.

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St Athan will be the 'home for electrification' for Aston Martin

THE decision by Aston Martin to make St Athan its 'home of electrification' has been welcomed locally and around the UK.

The car maker announced on September 11 that its new UK manufacturing facility at St Athan will become the marque's centre for electrification and the home of the Lagonda brand, claimed to be the world's first zero-emission luxury brand.

The Rapide E will be the first Aston Martin to be built in Wales when production commences next year.

It will be Aston Martin's first all-electric production model and is set to match the levels of performance expected of the marque.

Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns welcomed the announcement that Aston Martin will invest a further £50 million at its new St Athan facility.

The Vale MP said: "This announcement comes as a huge boost to those based at Aston Martin's new state of the art manufacturing facility in St Athan."The MP continued: "I'm delighted that the skills and talents of a Welsh workforce will be delivering the high quality products that this flagship British brand is renowned for across the world."

Outgoing First Minister Carwyn Jones said: "I am very proud of Aston Martin's decision to locate its new manufacturing facility in St Athan. It showed a huge vote of confidence in the Welsh Government's can do attitude and in the support that we can offer to businesses that want to work with us.

"The announcement that St Athan will also be the 'home of electrification' for both Aston Martin and Lagonda is another huge win for Wales. It is a genuine testament to the reputation, dedication and skills of our work force.

"It also further cements Wales' relationship with Aston Martin and is an excellent and very tangible example of how Welsh Government support can act as the catalyst for further economic growth and job creation."

Dr Andy Palmer, Aston Martin President and Chief Executive Officer, said: "Aston Martin sees itself as a future leader in the development of zero-emission technologies, and I am delighted that St Athan will be our 'home of electrification' for both the Aston Martin and Lagonda brands.

"The Rapide E will spearhead development of Aston Martin's low- and zero-emission vehicle strategy.

"With the reintroduction of the Lagonda brand, this is a demonstration of how electrification features prominently in our business plan moving forward."

The investment will create an additional 200 jobs at the site and, in total, the new plant will bring up to 750 highly-skilled jobs to South Wales.

The announcement came on the day that the Prime Minister outlined the UK Government's plan to "...put the UK at the forefront of the design and manufacturing of zero-emission vehicles" during her keynote address at the country's first ever Zero Emission Vehicle Summit in Birmingham.

Mr Cairns said: "The UK Government's mission is to put the country at the forefront of the design and manufacturing of zero emission vehicles.

"The fact that a company with a reputation that spans the continents, is choosing Wales as the centre of excellence for its electrification programme is a ringing endorsement of what our nation has to offer to the automotive sector, and I look forward to seeing the innovation come to life in the months and years ahead."

An architect's impression of Aston Martin's facility at St Athan.

Local charity with the 'special touch'

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THE charity Touch Trust, which is based at the Millennium Centre in Cardiff, has a special place in the heart of Llantwit Major mother Jacqui Beddoes.

Jacqui's 28-year old daughter Stephanie has been attending sessions at the trust for 10 years and Jacquie describes it as a "wonderful organisation".

Touch Trust provides programmes for individuals with learning disabilities, those on the autistic spectrum and other vulnerable groups.

That is why Jacqui, who admits she is not a born athlete, has decided to tackle the Cardiff Half Marathon in October to raise funds for the trust.

She explained: "I'm proud to be one of 14 ladies training for the half marathon with HC Fitness to raise money for the charity.

"We are of varying ages, haven't run before and aren't particularly fit at the moment, but we are committed to challenging ourselves to raise money for this wonderful organisation.

"Steph has severe learning disabilities and delayed development, and has been attending sessions at Touch Trust since she was 18.

"Over the years it has helped with her confidence, co-ordination, her interaction with others and to develop her own unique personality."

Harriet, a staff member at HC Fitness who lives in Rhoose, is one of Stephanie's personal assistants and supports her there twice a week.

Jacquie said that Stephanie loves her time at the Touch Trust and the support it gives her.

The 14 ladies have a JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tt-ladies if anyone would like to donate.

Cyclist suffers serious head injuries in Barry

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for witnesses following an incident in Barry.

A 40-year-old man remains in a critical but stable condition in the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, following an incident at around 6.50pm, on Sunday, September 9.

The man is believed to have fallen from his cycle whilst riding along Buttrills Road in Barry, sustaining a serious head injury.

South Wales Police is appealing for anyone who was in the area at the time who may have information in relation to this incident, or relevant dash-cam footage, to contact them on 101 quoting reference 1800344383.

What's on and where

Civic society

PENARTH Civic Society are holding a meeting on Thursday, September 27 at 7.30pm in All Saints' Lesser Hall as part of Penarth History month.

There will be a presentation by Michael Statham, author of the highly acclaimed book *Penarth Alabaster*. The cliffs at Penarth were a prolific source of this decorative rock which can still be found on the beach and Michael will be describing the extraction and uses with lots of entertaining anecdotes about the industry. Penarth alabaster adorns a whole host of churches and stately homes throughout the country.

There will be a small charge of £2 for non members.

Dinas library coffee morning

ON Thursday, September 27, a Macmillan coffee morning takes place at Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre to raise much needed funds for the cancer charity.

The event runs from 10.30am to 11.30am and the library is open from 10am until 12 noon.

There is no entrance charge and delicious cakes will be available. If you would like to donate home baked items, please drop them off at the library; all welcome.

Rhoose Cinema is back!

RHOOSE Community Cinema is back with their first autumn screening on Saturday, September 22 with *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* (PG). All tickets £5; contact Jo on 07986 907151 for more details.

Maltese cross? Not with a new route from Cardiff Airport!

CARDIFF Airport has added a new destination for next year, after Ryanair announced a new route from Cardiff to Malta.

Ryanair's Robin Kiely said: "Ryanair is pleased to announce a new Cardiff route to Malta, starting in April 2019, which will operate twice weekly on Wednesdays and Sundays as part of our summer 2019 schedule."

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MP announces winner of Instagram competition

LOCAL MP Alun Cairns has announced that photographer Jack Hortop (15) has won an Instagram competition that ran during the summer.

Alun Cairns and Jack Hortop.

Mr Cairns was keen to promote Barry and the Vale to a wider audience on social media and highlight the great attractions, encouraging people to visit.

He invited photographers from across the Vale to tag their submissions on Instagram with the hashtags #LoveTheVale or #BeautifulBarry which were then put on display at the Vale Show so that visitors could vote for their favourite.

Jack is a keen photographer and studies photography in school. Jack regularly enters local photography competitions and said that he often looks for the perfect picture.

Mr Cairns was impressed by the quality of submissions from participants and said: "The images submitted beautifully display how fortunate we are to live in such a picturesque area. The Vale is gorgeous and many of the pictures displayed at the Vale Show really did justice to the patch."

He added: "I'm delighted that a young, up-and-coming photographer won the vote and was named the winner of this year's competition. Jack made a few submissions and it was really telling that they could have been on the cover of a postcard. His work is outstanding and I have no doubt that there will be a lot more success to come with his photography in the future."

More of Jack's pictures can be seen via his social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

South and west Wales delights for Ramblers

CLIVE from Penarth and District Ramblers took his group of 11 walkers on a journey around north Gower recently.

Beginning from Cwm Ivy Woods on the edge of the salt marsh, they climbed to Llanmadoc and moved on by road to Cheriton for morning coffee at the church of St Cadoc.

A sunken lane and fields brought them through North Hills Farm and downhill to walk the salt flats of Landimore Marsh that floods at high tide. A climb on a steep rocky path opened up grand views across the Lougher Estuary.

By field and track, they reached the Burry Pill valley where an ancient 17th century packhorse bridge led them up a wooded path to the lower slopes of Ryer's Down.

Another climb brought them to the ruins of Llanmadoc School, with its lovely views of west Wales during lunch break and continuing uphill over the ditches of an Iron Age hillfort at The Bulwark, they were rewarded with stunning views towards Broughton Bay, Whiteford Sands, Rhossili Down and the Worms Head.

Descending bracken lined paths and reaching Delvid House which ran a horse-drawn bus service back in 1896, sandy paths in Delvid Burrows led them below Cwm Ivy Tor for their return via undulating paths at Whiteford National Nature Reserve.

The following day, 26 walkers turned out to join Geraint at Dinas Powys for a local walk and heading across Dinas Powys golf course and through gates to the Millfields, they journeyed on across stiles beside the Cadoxton River.

They passed a huge snoring pig as they entered Michaelston-le-Pit for morning break at St Michael's Church.

Some road walking led them back into fields and through a small wood to a ruined ice house that kept food fresh, prior to the invention of refrigerators.

More meadows led them to view the medieval lancet window at the ruined Brynwell house before heading up a narrow path in woodland to Cock Hill with its glorious but misty views of Cardiff Bay and Penarth Head with the familiar outline of St Augustines Church.

Continuing through Leckwith Wood where yet again near its exit onto Leckwith Hill, mounds of rubbish have been dumped, they carefully crossed to join part of the Ely Trail for the journey on a man-made track beside the river to Penarth Road.

A gradual climb through woodland brought them to St Dochdwy's Church for lunch and a viewing of the ancient Irbic Cross carved from Sutton stone, before their return via Pen-y-Turnpike and Casehill Wood, for refreshments at a local inn while soaking up the lovely warm sunshine.

For more information, call Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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Young people's short film season is up and running!

THE new season of short films produced by the Pencoed-based film and TV training programme 'It's My Shout' started earlier this week, and all the films will be available after transmission on iPlayer.

The scheme began 17 years ago, when Roger Burnell arranged for students from the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) to make a series of short films.

Over the years, It's My Shout (IMS) has expanded and has now been embraced by BBC Wales, making it part of its training scheme for young technicians.

The result, with young actors, writers and anyone who wants to learn about the film and TV industry working alongside professionals, has been a continuous raising of standards.

The films were launched last Saturday, September 8, at St David's Hall in Cardiff, where guests included Welsh legend Dame Sian Phillips and the new Welsh star, Aneurin Barnard (a BYT and IMS regular in his youth).

The first film, 11.15pm on BBC 2 Wales on Monday, September 10, was *See Me Live* – a scary tale of social media harassment featuring a fine performance by a young actress Grace Thomas who deservedly took the award for best actress on Saturday night.

Cast: *Bex* - Grace Thomas; *Chantelle* - Katie Thomas; *Raja* - Kelly Pitts; *Susan* - Rachel Isaac; *Theo* - Joshua Howard. Writer - AJ Rafferty. Producer - Luke Walters. Director - Nan Moore.

On Tuesday, September 11 it was *Sherlock Jones* - a light-hearted piece about a young girl's fantasy life in a quiet village.

Cast: *Rhian* - Amelia Green; *Bethan* - Nerys Stocks; *Mum* - Rebecca Harries; *Dad* - Huw Williams; *Ceri* - Ashley-May Drew. Writer - Elizabeth Adlington. Producer - Luke Walters. Director - Claire Cage.

On Wednesday, September 12, it was a departure from the IMS template. With professional actors in the main roles, *Love Therapy* was co-written by Amy Stacy and Karen Paullada, who remodelled Karen's character in Ruth Jones' *Stella* as a deranged therapist with bizarre methods for helping her clients achieve their goals.

Steve Spiers, from *Stella* and many other shows, directed a clever, funny and touching screenplay that was awarded the 'best film' accolade on Saturday night.

Cast: *Katie* - Amy Stacy; *Delyth* - Karen Paullada; *Sheila* - Susan Monkton; *Tony* - John Weldon; *Steve* - Garry Knowels; *Handsome Man* - Stuart Broad; *Craig* - John Hutch. Writers - Amy Stacy and Karen Paullada. Director - Steven Spiers. Executive Producer - Roger Burnell.

Today, Thursday, September 13, again at 11.15pm, *That's What I Heard* is a film that features an almost entirely junior cast. There's a touch of the Boo Radley storyline in *To Kill a Mocking Bird* in this one.

Cast: *Ivor* - Leo Bloomfield; *Sara* - Aditi Bhor; *Mr Jones* - Anthony Corria; *Toby* - William Evans; *Grant* - Harry Morgan. Writer - John Rees. Producer - Benjamin Jenkins. Director - Michael Gilhooly.

On Friday, this time at 11.05pm on BBC 2 Wales, it's *Dad* - written by Josh McCord and based (according to the credits) on a true story. A fascinating piece, filmed in Porthcawl in a local office and inside the Grand Pavilion, it's well worth a view.

There's also a cameo from another *Stella* actor, Julian Lewis Jones.

Cast: *Young Jude* - Dylan Duffields; *Jude* - Joshua McCord; *Dad* - Julian Lewis Jones; *Mum* - Leanne Walters; *Mrs Patel* - Shakila Malik; *Sonia* - Kirsten Jones; *Sita* - Iman Rossave. Writer - Joshua McCord. Producer - Luke Walters. Director - Chris Rankin.

The last of these six films is my personal favourite, *Edgars's Hair* sponsored by Cardiff and Vale College and filmed with a predominantly young cast in a Cardiff school. It's funny, stylish and a real joy.

Writer Liam Kelly took the award for the best screenplay, but this film could well have won more awards. This one is on next Monday, September 17, at 11.15pm, again on BBC 2 Wales.

Cast: *Edgar Bootle* - Lukas Gabco; *Maggie Sparrow* - Shakira Ifill; *Jamie Cannon* - Akile James; *Mr Roberts* - Thaer Al-Shayei; *Harry* - Gideon Roberts; *Tom* - Jack Thomas. Writer - Liam Kelly. Producer - Benjamin Jenkins. Director - Gavin Porter.

The IMS scheme also made two Welsh language films, which were shown on Saturday night with subtitles. Two more excellent films, with *Nyrs Smith* featuring an incompetent burglar who finds an unexpected welcome, and *Paid Troi Nol*, which revolves around the everyday problems of a schoolgirl who has two zombies for parents!

These two are due to be premiered on S4C, at a date still to be announced. This is a bit of a shame, because I do believe they should be shown along with the other six.

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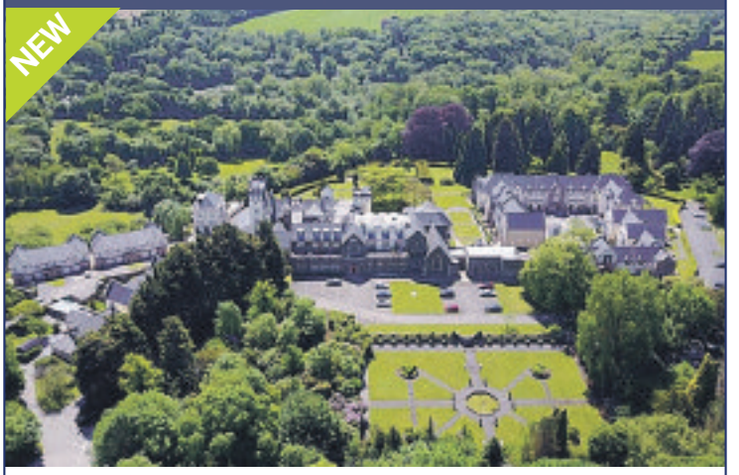

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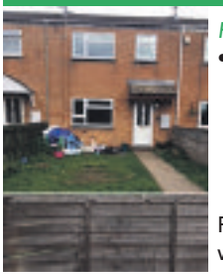

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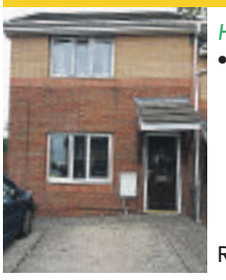

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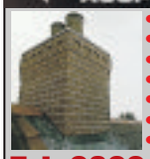

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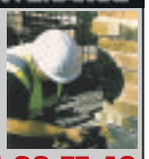

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Suzanne Jeanette

Susie Beer passed away peacefully on 18th August at Holme Towers Hospice, Penarth. Beloved wife of David. A much-loved mum, nana and a good friend to so many.

Funeral Thursday, 20th September. Service at St Michaels Church, Llanmihangel, CF71 7LQ at 12 noon, followed by interment in graveyard. Family request casual dress and no black. Flowers are welcome if desired or donations in lieu may be made to Holme Towers Hospice, Penarth c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP, Tel: 01656 860545.

NEWBY
Lesley Adrian Ian

Peacefully at Morriston Hospital, Swansea on 1st September. Les, dearly loved husband of the late Maureen, father of Shaun and Nick, much loved grandfather to Laoise, Seren, Jack and Sam.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 14th September, service and cemation 10.30am at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations, if desired, to Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend c/o the funeral director.

CHIVERS
Elizabeth Gwenllian

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on Friday, 31st August. Betty, dearly loved wife of the late Reg, loving mother of Lynne and son-in-law Allan. Grandmother and great grandmother to Daniel and Oshan.

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STEWART
Margaret Jean (Jean)
(née Grattadge)

Sadly at home on 4th September 2018, Jean, aged 76 years. Beloved sister of Annette, Derek and Christopher. Loved aunt to Emma and Vicki, also great aunt of Eleri.

Jean will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Friday, 21st September at 9.30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

KERSLAKE
Reg

Peacefully on 5th September 2018 at the University Hospital of Wales, aged 88 years. Loving husband to the late Evelyn, much loved and respected dad to Joan and Ruth, father-in-law to Jon and Matt. Proud grandad to Lucas, Scott, Freya and Ella. Big brother to Gerald and the late Ron.

Reg will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, Barry until the service on Friday, 21st September at 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, followed by light refreshments at Barry Town United Football Club. All welcome.

DAVIES
John Roger

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Teresa

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Also, Mr Lindsay Ellis and his team for their calm and professional manner at all times when organising David's funeral. Our thanks again to all who gave donations for Ty Hapus Day Care and Ty Hafan in memory of David, all very much appreciated.

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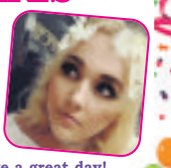

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Rhoose Lifeguards impress at lifesaving championships

AT this year's Welsh Surf Lifesaving Championships held at Coney Beach, Porthcawl, Rhoose Lifeguards achieved third place, out of a total number of 15 teams contesting the overall aggregate.

This was a great achievement with only two senior male competitors and no senior females, and was due to the outstanding results achieved by the youth and master competitors.

The Youth finished in third place in their category and the Masters took second place in theirs.

The first day of competition started with board races, seeing the first success for Rhoose.

Xantia Hobrough, with Gwennor Goode in the bronze position, won the under-13 girls' gold medal. Evie Wong won the under-15 girls' bronze.

In the Masters race, Sian Laycock took bronze in the over-40 race, with Karen O'Donoghue-Harris taking gold in the over-50 race, and Karen Hopkin taking the silver.

In the Masters Surf Swim event, Sian Laycock took silver in the over-40's and the over-50's gold was won by Karen Hopkin. Karen O'Donoghue-Harris took gold in the over-50's Ocean Woman, with Karen Hopkin taking the silver.

The final sea event on day one was the Ski relays. The boys' Youth team of Ethan Wall, Jai Gerrish and Ollie Wong won silver and the Master Ladies 87+ team of Melissa Downton, Lisa Sullivan and Sian Laycock took gold. The 117+ Master Ladies' team of Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Liz Wong and Karen Hopkin also won a gold medal.

It was onto the beach for the rest of the first day of competition where more success followed.

Evie Watkins took gold in the under-13 Sprint with Xantia Hobrough taking silver.

There was a gold medal for Evie Wong in the under-15 Sprint and the Masters kept up the good work with Ceri Cole winning gold in the over-40s and Natalie Gibson taking silver. In the over-50s Karen O'Donoghue-Harris picked up another gold, with Julie Hewitson in bronze position.

The Beach Relays followed with the Rhoose team of Evie Wong, Moli Lyons, Finn Sullivan and Sam Jenkins winning bronze in the under-15 Relay and the Ladies' Masters team of Melissa Downton, Natalie Gibson and Lisa Sullivan taking gold.

The Masters Men's team of Jamie Phillips, Steve Llewellyn and Jon Martlew took a silver.

The final event of the first day was Beach Flags and Rhoose gained some more impressive results.

In the under-13 girls Xantia Hobrough took silver. Evie Wong took the gold medal in the under-15 girls, with Ollie Wong taking silver in the under-17 boys' event.

In the over-40 ladies, Ceri Cole took gold and Natalie Gibson took

bronze. In the over-50's Karen O'Donoghue-Harris continued her dominance with another gold medal winning performance, Julie Hewitson took bronze.

On the second day of competition, the 1K Beach Run started well with Evie Watkins winning gold in the under-13 girls' race and Gwenno Goode taking the silver medal. The under-15 girls' race was won by Moli Lyons. Jason Grice took bronze in the Open Mens race, with Jon Martlew winning bronze in the over-30 Men's Masters event. Ceri Cole took silver in the Ladies over-40s.

Board and Tube Rescues followed the Beach Runs and the Rhoose pair of Xantia Hobrough and Elena Gibson won the silver medal in the under-13 girls' tube. Ollie Wong and Ethan Wall took bronze in the under-17 boys' tube. Ollie joined forces with Jason Grice in the Open Men's Board Rescue and they won a silver medal.

Next up were the Single and Double Ski races with more medals for Rhoose. In the under-17 boys' Single Ski, Ethan Wall won silver and Ollie Wong took the bronze. Jason Grice won silver in the Men's Open and Karen O'Donoghue-Harris won another gold in the Masters over-50s.

The double ski pairing of Evie Wong and Kiera Harris won a well-deserved gold in the under-15 girls and Jai Gerrish and Sam Jenkins took silver in the boys' event. In the boys' under-17, the pairing of Ollie Wong and Ethan Wall easily won gold.

Jason Grice and Jack Giddings took silver in the Men's race. The Masters were not to be outdone, with Melissa Downton and Karen Hopkin taking the gold in the 58+ double ski and Karen O'Donoghue-Harris and Liz Wong winning the gold in the 78+ double.

The final events were Board and Taplin Relays with medals coming in the Men's Open, with the team of Jack Giddings, Jason Grice and Ollie Wong taking bronze in the Board Relay. In the Master Ladies, the 87+ teaming of Liz Wong, Natalie Gibson and Lisa Sullivan won gold and in the 117+, the team of Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Sian Laycock and Karen Hopkin won gold. In the Master Men's 87+, Stuart Wong, Jon Martlew and Damon Gibson took the bronze medal.

The Taplin Relay (which consists of a board, swim and ski leg) found Rhoose taking more success with a gold medal in the Ladies' 87+ coming from Melissa Downton, Karen Hopkin and Natalie Gibson and in the 117+, another gold for the team of Sian Laycock, Liz Wong and Karen O'Donoghue-Harris.

Team manager Karen O'Donoghue-Harris said it was a brilliant team performance from all involved, not just the medal winners but also all the Rhoose competitors who took part, gaining valuable points for the club which contributed to the overall third place success. **JH**

Andy clinches his first 'major'

THE second finals day at Wenvoe Castle is reserved for players who have reached two finals and would be unfair to have to play them both on the same day.

Terry O'Grady's fine performance in the club championship just failed to clinch the title but there was a second opportunity to win the Rickards Trophy, which is recognised as being the toughest men's competition to win.

The competition is a singles handicap knockout with a huge entry and the first round commencing in early May. The lower handicap golfers have to concede strokes with full handicap difference and it is a testament of consistency and skill to get through to the final.

Terry's challenge was to concede three strokes to another low handicapper Andy Evans who was determined to win his first major singles trophy.

The White Cup foursomes presentation.

The Rickards Trophy finalists at the first tee.

The weather conditions were kind albeit slightly breezy and it was Andy who made the first move using his strokes to build up a four hole lead on the front nine.

In a match of considerable skill from both players Terry managed to stem the flow but couldn't make inroads into Andy's commanding lead and his opponent proved a worthy winner.

Referee was club vice-captain Lesley Sherrard, who had nothing but praise for both players and the sportsmanship throughout the match.

One other final was held over to the second week and Dee Lloyd was seeking to add another trophy to the ladies bronze championship title won the previous Sunday.

Dee was partnered with the new ladies champion Sian Smith in the White Cup Foursomes final against Jane Lott and Sue Dayanandar.

The match followed a similar pattern in that Jane and Sue built up a strong lead and were four holes up at the turn which proved to be an unassailable lead and they ran out worthy winners.

Match referee was Marilyn Davies who praised both sides for an excellent and sporting match. The lady captain Sheila Morrow presented the White Cup to the winners and also congratulated them on their fine performance.

September sees the finish of the main golfing season but there is much more golf to be played throughout the winter months.

The very popular Winter League starts in early October and runs through until March when the finals are played.

BJ

Mini championships at Barry tennis club

BARRY Community Tennis Club hosted its mini tennis club championships last weekend, and witnessed a feast of tennis from children from ages five-11-years-old, many of whom enjoyed their first taste of formal competition.

Older or more experienced children competed with orange balls on a smaller court and enjoyed both singles and doubles matches, while younger children competed in both singles and doubles matches on mini tennis courts.

Families observed from the surrounding grassy banks which have become affectionately known as 'Penny's Patch', named after club coach Penny Mickelsen in a nod to Wimbledon's famous Henman Hill.

The winners were: 11u girls singles: Grace Mickelsen (age 10, Barry Island Primary School); 11u boys singles: Sam Jones (age 9, Gwenfo Primary School); 11u doubles: Grace Mickelsen (age 10, Barry Island Primary School) and Poppy Williams (age 11, St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School; 8u girls singles: Julia Papierowska (age 8, St Helen's Catholic Primary School); 8u boys singles: Ethan Ashburner (age 7, Romilly Primary School); 8u girls doubles: Julia Papierowska (age 8, St Helen's Catholic Primary School) & Marta Szymanowicz (age 8, St Helen's Catholic Primary School); 8u boys doubles: Ethan Ashburner (age 7, Romilly Primary School) & Osian Cane (age 7, Ysgol Gwaun y Nant).

All players were presented with medals, and trophies will be presented to the winners at the club presentation evening on Friday, September 14, where winners of the junior and adult club championships will also be recognised.

PM

Five goals for Barry ladies as they win at Jenner Park

BARRY Town Ladies went into their second match of the season on Sunday, returning to Jenner Park for what was billed as a crunch league fixture against fellow promotion hopefuls Cascade YC.

Following a good start to the season with a 3-1 win at Merthyr the previous weekend, the Vale-based club knew they would face a sterner test of their league credentials against an opponent that finished just two points behind Barry last season.

The game kicked off at a frantic pace and the home side took the lead after just two minutes when a through ball found new signing Daisy Evan-Watkins, who raced through the visitors' defence before placing the ball into the corner to give the hosts a dream start.

However their lead was shortlived as straight from the kick off Cascade responded.

A lapse in concentration at the back resulted in Cascade similarly playing a through ball for the on rushing forward to slot home past goalkeeper Erin Brennan to make it 1-1 after just three minutes.

Just four minutes later a third goal arrived. Midfielder Ellen Phillips won a free kick 30 yards from goal and up stepped captain Charlotte Preen with a trademark effort that lobbed the Cascade goalkeeper to make it 2-1 to the home side.

Barry started to take a real stranglehold of the game, looking confident in possession in all areas of the pitch with the pace of Chelsea Deacon and Evan-Watkins causing havoc against a high defensive line.

Evan-Watkins spurned a great chance to grab a third from Barry when put through on goal but she was denied by an excellent save from the Cascade goalkeeper.

Deacon also went close with an effort that was thwarted by another fine save low down. Phillips also had a goal disallowed for offside a Barry as the home side continued to look for a decisive third goal.

The score remained 2-1 at half-time with the only negative from Barry's perspective was the fact they were not out of site given some great opportunities.

The second half also started at a fast pace with Barry still enjoying the vast majority of possession but the visitors always looked a threat on the counter.

The home side's pressure eventually told when on 52 minutes, Phillips reacted quickly in the box to give Barry the cushion they had been searching for.

Evan-Watkins, making her first home start for her new club, put the game to bed on 64 minutes when she raced onto a through ball and this time made no mistake, firing past the goalkeeper to make it 4-1, three goals in two games for the striker making an impressive start for the Town.

Preen and Tracey White were the architects of most of Barry's excellent build-up play with the energetic Deacon and Phillips linking up well in the attacking half of the pitch.

Defensively, Alex Allen was a colossus making numerous key headers and block tackles along with Emma Thompson and Chloe Clarke. Olivia Townsend and Alicia Cox were also putting in excellent shifts in wide areas.

As the half wore on Barry made a number of changes with Emma Cannon replacing Evan-Watkins, Taylor Page replacing Chloe Clarke and the returning Sian Rees came on for Phillips.

Rees, making her senior debut, took just 10 minutes to make an impact with a superb individual goal when she nonchalantly hit a left foot shot from the edge of the penalty area, looping the ball over the goalkeeper.

To their credit, Cascade showed great desire throughout the game and did manage a late consolation goal to make the final score 5-2 to the home side.

After the game, manager Luke Williams commented: "We are really pleased with the performance against a strong Cascade team.

"We put together some excellent passages of play, creating many opportunities and scored five goals but it was also pleasing to see the battling qualities and determination in what was an important game early in the season."

A deserved win for Barry who now travel to Aberystwyth on Sunday, September 16 for another big league game.

LW

Barry and District mens skittles league results

DIVISION 1:

Geest 285 (D Ashill 28), 49ers 303 (J Gee 31); Bunker Boys 262 (S Jeynes, S Western 28), British Rail 264 (B Smith 29); KP Rejects 266 (J Barrett 28), Willie Wombles 290 (D Richardson 29); Blue Monkey 262 (J Stokes 30), Sea View 269 (D Morgan 26); Posties 301 (M Chruchill 33), Cannon Balls 248 (M Almedia 30); Billy Whizz 300 (C Alldred 33), Merrymen 274 (E Jones, R Bilton 27).

League table: Posties 2, Billy Whizz 2, Willie Wombles 2, 49ers 2, Sea View 2, British Rail 2, Geest 0, Blue Monkey 0, Bunker Boys 0, KP Rejects 0, Merrymen 0, Cannon Balls 0.

DIVISION 2:

BP Breakaways 264 (J Gee, E Lovell, R Bowman, M Rees 25), Exiles 281 (D Norris 32); Mighty Dockers 256 (P Burroughes 27), Ex Servicemen 248 (D Wickham, R Harrington 24); H Bells 282 (C White 30), Hairy Lemons 285 (R Ryles 31); Park Lads 267 (N Watkins 28), Colcot Boys 251 (B Sullivan 28); Tynny Lads 290 (S Germon 33), Witchill Poachers 279 (R Connell 31); Cavaliers 297 (M Morris 36), Barry Park B 256 (N Bowen 29).

League table: Cavaliers 2, Exiles 2, Tynny Lads 2, Park Lads 2, Mighty Dockers 2, Hairy Lemons 2, H Bells 0, Witchill Poachers 0, Colcot Boys 0, Ex Servicemen 0, BP Breakaways 0, Barry Park B 0.

DIVISION 3:

Cocoa Nuts 257 (S Evans 26), C.U.D. 249 (G Sheppard 29); Castle Boys 244 (N Hughes 28), Alternatives 219 (A Harris 29); Witchill Nomads 350 (S Grant 35), Billy Bluebirds 327 (J Marshall 36); Master Mariner 204 (B Louch 21), Royalists 207 (G Evans 26); Park Rangers 271 (S Dite 30), Abercrete 251 (P Fifield, D Selby 27).

League table: Park Rangers 2, Castle Boys 2, Witchill Nomads 2, Royalists 2, Cocoa Nuts 2, C.U.D. 0, Billy Bluebirds 0, Abercrete 0, Alternatives 0, Master Mariner 0, Glenbrook Flyers 0.

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JW

Sea View Lads celebrate 40 angling anniversary

SEA View Lads recently celebrated their 40th year since the club's formation – an achievement none of them would have imagined possible when they booked their first boat together.

Over the decades, members have enjoyed some excellent fishing, seen some very dodgy haircuts, fashion faux pas and fish stocks decline, but this has never dampened their enthusiasm or deterred new members from joining their ranks.

Over 40 years, they have fished around the world in pursuit of dream catches and enjoying amazing sport.

Members have whetted lines in every continent from the Arctic to the Southern seas, but their most memorable times have surely been closer to home.

To commemorate their 40th year, they recently held a competition in appallingly cold and wet conditions, followed by a barbecue hosted by the West End Labour Club.

Fishing was poor, but the craic was great. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made the evening a success, along with Barry Angling Centre and Holton Road Angling for donating raffle prizes.

Results in recent months have varied; the boats have fished well with rays and hounds in abundance while the shore has been more of hit and miss affair.

The first shore competition in September had nice rays, including an small-eyed of over 8lb for Aida Harris that helped him to a first place weight of 15lb, while Kevin Sala and Steve Doble weighed in some nice fish in second and third place. Steve has been in good form, having recently landed a fine 20lb eel from the shore only weeks before.

While the 40th year has been a celebration, the club has also lost some close friends - Gary and Bob will be missed but remembered by all, as are many other past members.

If you fancy whetting a line in the company their merry band, the club welcomes new members.

JC

Good start for chess teams

SEPTEMBER sees the start of the new chess season and Barry Chess Club members will take part in competitive East Glamorgan League matches from now until May next year.

Two of Barry's teams were in action this week with the Bosons at home to Cardiff AJ's and the Quarks travelling to Bridgend.

In Division One, with draws agreed quickly on the top two boards, the Bosons needed positive results on the other boards to gain a win.

Steve Cunliffe and Dave Parsons eventually had to accept draws and so it was left to Jonathan Thomas, on board five, to overcome time pressure and secure the win which gave Bosons a 3-2 victory.

The Quarks outgraded their Bridgend opponents on all boards, other than on top board and recorded an excellent 4-1 victory to see them top the table at this early stage of the season.

It might well have been a whitewash, however captain Sam White unfortunately lost narrowly on time.

Over the summer we have recruited a number of new, enthusastic, players to the club and are pleased to confirm we have formed a fifth team, the Stauntons, which will play in Division Four.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

MR

Brynhill enjoy Texas Scramble!

IT was fitting after the excesses of Saturday's 'Mothers Ruin Night', during which numerous varieties of gin were sampled, that Brynhill should host a Texas Scramble on the following day.

Best on the day were Little, Lewis, Phillips and Jones with 58, while in second were Hopkins, Philips, Pierce and Lloyd with 59.1.

This weekend is the Captains Prize - third time lucky hopefully!

Brynhill's battling Wayfarers sealed first place in the league, and promotion to the Premier Division, when they beat Tredegar Park Golf Club away on Tuesday, a magnificent achievement from the Barry Club.

Congratulations are also in order for Brynhill member Mike Moore Jnr, who completed the Iron Man Wales in 15 hours, 36 minutes - not too shabby a time for a two and a half mile swim followed by a 112 mile bike ride topped off with a marathon.

AS

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Barry rower to compete in world championships

JULIA Heslop, a member of Barry Yacht Club Sea rowing section, will be representing Wales and Great Britain in the World Coastal Sculling Championships in Canada in October.

Julia is a member of the Welsh Coastal Sculling development squad which includes rowers from around Wales.

The squad are trying to develop coastal sculling in Wales and to get rowers to the top in Great Britain and representing at world competitions.

Julia, who only decided to trial for the squad after the birth of her second daughter in April of last year wanted to get back into competitive rowing.

With her previous rowing experience she was asked to join the squad and train with them during the last winter and this summer.

Apart from representing Barry in Welsh Sea Rowing league races, the training culminated in racing at Sandbanks in Poole. It proved to be a very tough challenge over a six kilometre course with a one metre swell.

Julia finished in sixth place in the final against competitors from Great Britain, Ireland and Sweden and qualified for the World Championships in Canada this October along with several of her Welsh teammates.

The boats are six metres in length and have one person rowing with two oars, this is called Sculling.

Steering is done by looking over your shoulder. The boats, called Yoles, are built of fibreglass and designed to withstand rough coastal conditions.

The World Championships are being held in Sidney, Victoria in Canada from October 11-13 and there will be crews competing from all over the world in six different classes, more than 180 boats altogether.

The conditions in Bazan Bay where the racing will take place has a sloping pebble beach, promising challenges of wind, waves and tidal currents making tricky water conditions.

RD

Exciting finale for Sully Sports bowlers

FOR their final game of the season, Sully Sports bowlers made the short trip to Penarth in the PG1s, and it turned out a quite an exciting finale.

Both sides took wins on two rinks each, but Penarth, never behind on aggregate, took the overall victory by 79-68.

Keith Romans' rink were 11-0 down after five ends, and 14-2 in arrears after nine ends, but a courageous fightback, winning eight of the remaining 12 ends, was not sufficient as the home side scored six shots in the closing stages to re-open the gap and run out 23-15 winners.

Graham Brown's rink started brightly leading 5-1 after only three ends, then lost five of the next six ends to trail 13-6, and although they won most of the remaining ends, they were mainly by a single shot, whereas Penarth took 2s and 3s on their winning ends, so held on to win 23-17.

Alan Collard's rink lost the opening end by four shots, were level after three ends and at six ends, then nudged in front and slowly built up a 18-12 lead with two ends left.

Penarth took a shot on the penultimate end, leaving themselves to score five shots for a draw, or six for a win, on the last.

The Sports rink, with the advantage of the last wood, although losing the end, kept the margin down to three shots, and took a close 18-16 win.

The most dramatic rink, and last to finish by some time, was skipped by Lee Romans of Sully Sports and C Fry of Penarth.

The Sports took a shot on the first end, but were down 4-9 after nine ends, tied the scores with five shots on the 10th end, and a 10-9 lead on the 11th.

Penarth retook the lead to be up 16-11 after 16 ends, and were 17-13 up with three ends remaining.

The Sports took three shots on the 19th, and a single on a highly-contested penultimate end as both teams bowled their hearts out.

With the scores level and tension high, the final end had plenty of drama, and excitement, and eventually the Sports prevailed with a shot to win the rink 18-17.

gan, A Thompson, C Coomber, L Romans With the outdoor season over, attention turns to finals day, the AGM and the annual dinner.

The club's (ladies and men) finals day is on Sunday, September 16, starting mid-morning, while the men's AGM will take place at 6.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion on Monday, September 24, and the annual dinner in the Indoor Clubhouse, 7pm for 7.30pm, on Friday, October 5.

MJS

Barrivale Bridge Club news

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on September 4, the Welsh Bridge Union Autumn Simultaneous Pairs):

1. Adrian & Diana Trickey 67.50%; 2. Noelle Bond & Kay Dyer 59.58%; 3. Tim Barsby & Jenny Vaughan 58.10%.

The handicap winners were Hilary Morgan and Debbie Dawkins

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale bridge club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend the following sessions - Friday, 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play, 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, BarryCF63 4AP (the waterfront).

While our current class for beginners continue to run on Friday mornings, new members wishing to start the class will be able to join the next beginners' class commencing on September 21.

LH

Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social 9, West End 6; West End Runaways 8, Cadoxton Cons 7; Moors Boys 7, Wyndham Cons 8.

League table: Cadoxton Cons 19, Wyndham Cons 16, West End Runaways 15, West End 14, Moors Boys 10, Rhoose Social 9, Liberals 7.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Slammers 1, King William XII 6; Liberals A 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Rhoose Social B 2, Rhoose Social A 5; Allsorts 2, West End C 5; Rhoosters 0.5, West End D 6.5; Sea View Exiles 1.5, Rugby Club 5.5.

League table: West End D 6.5, King William XII 6, Rugby Club 5.5, Liberals A 5, Rhoose Social A 5, West End C 5, Allsorts 2, Cambrian Flyers 2, Rhoose Social B 2, Sea View Exiles 1.5, Slammers 1, Rhoosters 0.5, Barries Boys 0, Barry Town FC 0, Liberals C 0, Rhoose Social C 0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons A 2, Harbour B 3; West End C 4, Penarth Cons A 1; Savoy A 3, Cadoxton Wildcats 2; Liberators 2, Cadoxton Cons Z 3; Cadoxton Cons B 5, Market Street B 0.

League table: West End C 9, Cadoxton Cons Z 7, Savoy A 7, Cadoxton Cons B 6, Wyndham Cons A 6, Harbour B 3, Cadoxton Wildcats 2, Liberators 2, Penarth Cons A 2, Market Street B 1, Rhoose Social B 0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Cadoxton Cons A 2, Savoy B 3; Wyndham Cons D 1, West End A 4; Market Street C 1, Rhoose Social C 4; Harbour A 5, West End B 0; Services Social B 2, Sully Sports A 3.

League table: Harbour A 7, Savoy B 7, Cadoxton Cons A 6, Services Social B 6, West End A 6, Market Street C 4, Rhoose Social C 4, Sully Sports A 4, Penarth Cons B 3, Wyndham Cons D 2, West End B 1 (* = points deducted).

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JW

Barry and District ladies skittle league

DIVISION 1:

Bakers Dozen 275 (M. Rocket 29), Pila Pala 286 (V. Evans, M. Barnett & S. Potter 28); Allsorts 267 (S. Greenwell 27), La Belles 260 (L. Hughes 26); Family Affair 212 (S. Wilcox 25), Coppers 244 (H. Ford & S. Curtis 24); Fallen Angels 268 (C. Jones 28), Special Angels 271 (S. Wood & R. Niblett 27); Sea View Gals 283 (J. Cannan 30), Space Finders 248 (L. Jones & J. Jones 24); Family & Friends 239 (A. Provis 26), Barry Stars 255 (D. James 27).

Division 2:

Breakaways 233 (L. Burnett 28), Colcot Ladies 241 (A. Singleton 29); Persuaders 229 (M. Whitehurst 26), Rugby Triers 196 (S. Cogbill 27); Red Admiral 226 (M. McCarthy & G. Williams 23), Rhoose Starlights 207 (D. Straddling & K. Bryan 25); Bandits 220 (L Norris 28), Challengers 247 (D. Easton, A. Richards & J. Dimond 25); Witchill Weebies 315 (N. Hillberg 37), Airways Angels 311 (L. Donovan 34).

Division 3:

Sea View Ladies 249 (S. Humphries 28), Uptown Girls 235 (A. Hobbs 27); Little Devils 235 (L. Hughes 25), Etcetera 232 (C. McIntosh 24); Witches 218 (V. Walters 31), Vixens 256 (K. Thomas 29); Hillbillies 312 (G. Moorcraft 34), Westenders 329 (S. Evans 34); Witchill Widows 326 (D. Bushes 34), Liberals 310 (V. Allen 33); Off the Rails 267(L Stephenson 27), Merry Makers 181 (G. Hawker 26).

Division 4:

Livin on a Spare 327 (I. Overton 38), Witchill Wanderers 304 (C. Morrissey 30); Socialites 210 (G Savory 33), Boozy Birds 228 (L. Harris 29); Little Misfits 196 (D. Eason 22), Hell Raisers 201 (J. Rosser 26).

AB

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Finals weekend for Cadoxton bowlers

DUE to some of the members qualifying for a number of finals at Cadoxton Bowls Club's finals weekend, the matches were played over two days.

Saturday started with the club championship and in a match closer than the score suggests, Ian Heppenstall, in his first final, overcame Will Craven, regularly taking away the steady accurate bowling of his opponent with last bowls, winning 21-9.

In the pairs, Ewan Heppenstall and Steve Clarke had Derek Jeffries and Andy Ralphs as their opposition.

During the early stages Steve's pair took a 14-6 advantage, before a rally from Derek's pair reduced the difference to just one shot at 15-14.

However two singles gave them a three shot advantage playing the final end, during which they were happy to concede just one shot.

Derek Jeffries played his pairs partner Andy Ralphs on Sunday morning in the Jack Hartman trophy, which he lost 17-21 in a closely-contested competition.

On Saturday afternoon, Don Kuhnell assisted by Jim Stacey and Will Craven met Howard Craven assisted by Glen Solomon and Ian Heppenstall in the triples.

Don took a 4-0 advantage after three ends. After 10 ends the gap was still four shots at 8-4.

Howard's rink managed only four further winning ends from the next 14 and with two 6s required with two ends left the match was conceded at 18-7.

The two bowls was contested with Steve Clarke, playing his second final, against Derek Jeffries, playing his third.

This was another very close encounter with Steve chalking up a second success by a narrow one shot victory.

The afternoon was rounded off with the handicap and the novices finals.

Derek Jeffries who seemed to be playing non-stop, finally came out on top in another tight match with a success against John Papoutsou, scoring a two on the final end to win 21-18.

Meanwhile Ian Heppenstall was completing a double, by adding the novices against Emlyn Davies (21-7) to his earlier success in the club championship.

DK

A team survive - and finals day at Romilly!

AFTER a somewhat indifferent first half to the season, Romilly A side staged a recovery and travelled to Beddau needing 1 point to avoid relegation.

For a long time during the match this looked unlikely, however, a fighting performance by the team in support of Denis Mottram's last game as A team captain resulted in the team gaining two points.

Results: Rink 1 - E. Fortt, B. Gough, A.M.Jones and skip Paul Clarke 18-22; rink 2 - P. James, J. Kirkpatrick, P. Edwards and skip Ray Hewitson 20-23; rink 3 - D. Noble, B. Parker, D. Mottram and skip David Francis 17-25; rink 4 - J. Daly, P. Herbert, J. Kirk and skip Barrie Griffiths 24-19. Final score - 79-89.

Denis Mottram thanked all the players for their support during his season as A team captain.

Joint finals day was held on September 8:

Mens results - Championship: Jeff Wright, runner-up Kelvyne Mills, 21-14; Handicap: Jerry Daly, runner-up Paul James, 21-9; 2 Bowls: Paul James, runner-up Kelvyne Mills, 15-12; Mottram: Eric Fortt, runner-up Dave Noble, 22-20; Pairs Alan Bannister and Jerry Daly, runners-up Paul Swannick and Dave Noble, 19-12.

Triples: Mike Doyle, Jerry Daly and Barrie Griffiths, runners-up Mel Newman, Roger Jones and Paul Swannick, 15-8; Rinks: Denis Mottram, Barrie Griffiths, Paul Swannick and skip Graham Cogbill, runners-up: Dave Noble, John Kirk, Alan Bryan and skip Mike Doyle.

This game was tied after 15 ends, which resulted in an extra end being played. Mike Doyle's team were holding one shot when skip Cogbill bowled his first wood and got an outrageous wick which resulted in his side holding shot.

Mike bowled his last wood and narrowly missed taking the shot back to make the final score 16-15.

Ladies results - Championship: Myra Newman, runner-up Jacquie MacPherson, 23-19; Handicap: Jacquie MacPherson, runner-up Gaynor Taylor, 21-20; 2 Wood singles: Myra Newman, runner-up Jan Noble, 15-8; Novice: Jacquie MacPherson, runner-up Bonnie Harvey, 21-15.

Rinks: Jan Noble, Bonnie Harvey, Myra Newman and Gaynor Taylor, runners-up Rita Jones, Pam Price, Alma Sheppard and Mair Newland; Triples: Pat Cogbill, Gaynor Taylor and Rita Jones; 4 wood pairs: Jan Noble and Angela Hort, runners-up Gaynor Taylor and Myra Newman; 2 wood pairs: Jan Noble and Angela Hort, runners-up A. Haines and Mair Newland; mixed pairs: Jo Jeeves and Alan Bannister, runners-up Jacquie MacPherson and Mel Newman; mixed rinks: Bonnie Harvey, Beryl Holmes, Denis Mottram and Paul Swannick, runners-up Gill Clarke, Jan Noble, Paul James and Alan Bannister.

Congratulations to all the finalists, and thanks go to Terry and Mary Bloomfield and Carol Doyle for their hard work in running the barbecue all day.

New members always welcome - please contact secretary Paul James at Romilly Bowls Club.

JK

Beavers let loose

ON August Bank Holiday Monday, some of the Barry Beavers turned up on Whitmore Bay Barry Island.

They passed out leaflets to the visitors of the Island in animal costumes, and during the day they had an splash in the water .

Visitors put money into the buckets provided by the club which would help towards their funds, and there was merchandise, drinks and snacks also available.

On the day we collected £173 in the buckets and a further £36.20 from sales! **NC**

'Non-contact boxing' for charity

IN October, Cowbridge will host new type of sporting event – non-contact boxing – to raise money for Mind Cymru.

World Champion trainer Darren Wilson, along with gym owner Brendon Lyons, created the event, which will have fighters hitting punch bags against the clock, with their power and style determining the winner.

Founder of Intensity Boxing and World Champion trainer Darren Wilson, along with gym owner Brendon Lyons, created the event, which sees fighters hit punch bags against the clock with their power and style determining the winner.

Alongside members of the public, the team has signed Capital FM's Polly James to add some star power to the event. Mr Wilson said: "Intensity non-contact boxing is a new project to raise money for Mind. We've got a number of fighters working hard on their stamina and skills and can't wait for the main event."

"We have loads of different types of people taking part, some ex-professional fighters, some celebrities, and also some who have always wanted to take part in a boxing event and did not like getting hit – or their work can't allow them to have black eyes. There are lots of different reasons why non-contact boxing has proven so popular."

Anyone can sign up and each competitor is given eight weeks of free training to build their fitness and technique before taking part in the event, in front of friends, family and fans.

As the event is non-contact, fighters will hit punch bags with an electronic chip system in their gloves.

The chips measure how many punches are thrown, as well as the velocity of the punches in each round. This creates a combined intensity score – with the overall score over the three rounds deciding who wins.

The event will take place in Cowbridge on October 13 and is the first in a series of events across the UK.

For more information, call 01443 231511.

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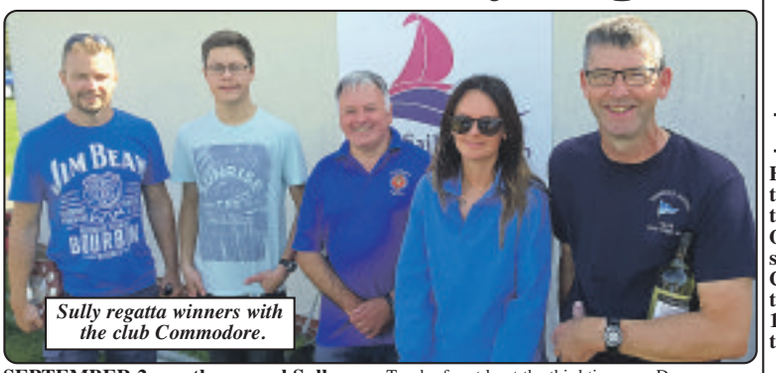
All smiles at Sully Regatta



Sully regatta winners with the club Commodore.

SEPTEMBER 2 saw the annual Sully Sailing Club Regatta taking place.

The event, comprising three races, was run in gradually decreasing winds and won by Nick Smith and his daughter, Indigo, sailing a Miracle dinghy. Nick and Indigo had travelled from Thornbury Sailing Club, in England to take part.

In second place, and winning the Club Regatta Trophy for at least the third time was Danny Powell.

Third place saw three boats on equal points but after tie breakers were applied it was Jake Richardson who took the prize, sailing a Laser Radial.

Prizes were presented by the Commodore Will Vickery.

NV

Success for lady bowlers

PICTURED are the Dinas Powys Bowls Club ladies, who recently won the afternoon double rink tournament.

Captain Denise Letts would like to thank the ladies for all their hard work this season.

DL

Vale of Glamorgan Football League news

HOLTON ROAD took a grip upon the top of Division One as they saw off second-placed Cardiff Airport 3-1 to maintain their 100 per cent start to the campaign.

Holton Road maintained their perfect start to the season and are the league's top scorers.

SP Billy followed up last week's first win to make it two on the bounce as they impressively edged out Cadoxton Imps 3-2.

Cadoxton Barry suffered a shock 4-1 loss to Cwm Talwg, the latter team's first points of the season with an excellent result.

In the Premier Division, Barry Athletic continued to set the pace at the top of the league as they pipped Barry Saints 2-1, a wonder strike from Andrew Hurley sealing the points.

Rhoose continue to be one of the nearest challengers and were impressive as they saw off Cowbridge Town 4-1 at the Bear Field.

Island Marine's good start to the season saw them come out 3-2 winners over Penarth Town to stay third and maintain their title challenge.

St Athan lifted themselves off the bottom and into fifth spot with a vital 5-3 victory over Sully Sports, Karl Steel's double ensuring victory.

In Division Two, Rhoose B continued to dominate as they thrashed Barry Albion 5-0, to make it five out of five so far.

St Athan B picked up an impressive 2-1 away win over Vale Madrid while Barry Vikings continue their fine start to the season with a 3-2 win over Island Marine B.

Barry Athletic B picked up their first three points with a 4-2 victory away to Penarth Town B.

This week it's a mixture of league games and three Barry Cup ties, with Division One Cwm Talwg travelling to high-flying Rhoose.

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Finals day held at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club

Alex Finlay (left), winner of the Dragon Trophy with runner-up Andrew Canning and referee Brian McConkey.

Dennis Davies and Rob Gillard (left), winners of the H Regan Foursomes Cup with runners-up John Peters and Alan Wheatley.

Rob and Lynda Campbell (left), winners of the Dr & Mrs A M Jones Cup.

Men's club champion Matthew Mullooly (left) receiving his trophy from club captain Mike Chick.

THE finals day at Wenvoe Castle is usually one of the busiest of the year and this year was no exception with seven finals to be completed and all to be followed by the traditional Hallett Society League Championship, involving a further four matches.

Both the men's and ladies championship finals are played over 36 holes and were first off for a quick turnaround before completing the second 18 holes in the afternoon.

Matt Mullooly was not only defending his title but looking to complete his hat-trick against Terry O'Grady, making his first appearance in this final.

It was Terry who managed to build up a lead over the opening holes but couldn't find a way of shrugging off his experienced opponent who kept on closing the gap and eventually it was all square after the morning session.

The quality of the match was described as exceptional by the referee, club captain Mike Chick, and eventually Matt finally broke through to clinch the title on the 35th and penultimate hole.

The ladies championship between Lucy Sellick and Sian Smith was a similar pattern with Lucy building a lead over the majority of the first 18 holes only to be pegged back by a determined opponent.

Both players produced a high standard of golf worthy of the final including both having birdies on the 12th in the second round and Sian gradually edged ahead to win the match on the 17th hole.

The rest of the finals were played over 18 holes and generally the finalists had come through a number of knockout stages starting as early as April. Just reaching the final was in itself an achievement.

The Dragon Trophy was won by Alex Finlay, playing exceptionally and consistently well throughout to see off the challenge of Andrew Canning.

Sheila Morrow also played particularly well in winning the Mary Fellows Bowl against Sandra Hathway while Dee Lloyd clinched the ladies' Bronze Championship, edging past Nicola Sims in the closing stages of a very tight match.

Rob and Lynda Campbell won the Dr and Mrs A M Jones Cup in a foursomes match against Delyth and Bobby Woodruff.

It was yet another very close encounter with victory achieved on the final hole.

An identical result saw Dennis Davies and Rob Gillard win the Harry Regan Foursome Cup against Alan Wheatley and John Peters, who finally succumbed on the 18th hole.

The trophies were presented to the winner by the individual referee and without exception the finalists were complimented on the spirit in which each game was played.

Compliments were paid to the green staff for the outstanding condition and presentation of the course.

All winners can look forward to their names being engraved on the honours boards while the losing finalists will no doubt reflect but use the experience to go one better in the future.

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Sian Smith, ladies champion 2018.

Sheila Morrow (left), winner of the Mary Fellows Bowl with past lady captain Helen Hughes.

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Romilly bowlers lift memorial trophy

PENARTH Windsor Bowls Club recently held the John Scones Memorial Invitational competition.

Twenty teams entered and the Romilly team of Alan Bannister, Jacqui McPherson, Paul Swannick and skip Mike Doyle beat the team from Penarth Windsor in the final.

The team were presented with the trophy by the Penarth Windsor president Ken McLeod. Well done Romilly.

JWK

Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section results

ON August 7, an 18 hole Stableford was held:

1st Lisa Ryley 39pts; 2nd Ann Mahenthiralingam 34pts on back 9 from 3rd Maxine Hird 34pts.

Also on August 7, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Audrey Harwood 18 pts; 2nd June Jones 17pts; 3rd Terry Unwin 17pts.

On August 14, an 18 hole Stableford: 1st Rhian Thomas 38pts; 2nd Ruth Yates 37pts; 3rd Maxine Hird 34 pts. Also on August 14, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Terry Unwin; 2nd Sharon Jesson; 3rd Pam Warne.

On August 21, an 18 hole Stableford: 1st Ruth Yates 33pts; on back 9 from 2nd Maxine Hird 33pts; 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam 31pts. Also on August 21, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Angela Brown; 2nd Pam Warne; 3rd Terry Unwin.

On August 28, an 18 hole Medal: 1st Sue Bridle 87 – 17 = 70; 2nd Lisa Ryley 88 – 15 = 73; 3rd Ruth Yates 99-24 = 75.

Congratulations to Sue Bridle on coming second in the Welsh Finals Silver Bowl division held on August 7 at Llandrindod Wells - you did us proud Sue.

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Volvo V90 T4 Momentum Pro – probably the best car you will ever drive...

IF you have ever owned a Volvo, you will know only too well about the stigma that used to surround the owner of such a vehicle and how many people will assume the only reason you bought one in the first place was because you were either a painter and decorator, over the age of 65 or you find watching the 'Time Team' on TV an exciting event.

Well, none of the above is actually true, of course, and it's all a bit of a red herring if I'm being honest, because buying a Volvo right now will probably be the best decision you are ever likely to make now, or at any time in the future.

Power and efficiency: The V90 I have on test is powered by a 1969cc petrol engine that has 190hp and 300Nm of torque. Fuel economy also comes in at around 40 mpg (combined) and CO2 emissions of 156g/km, along with a Top speed of around 130mph. This is a big car though and I felt that the engine needed a bit more power to help give it a bit more of a sprint appeal. But if you select one of the more 'engaging' driving modes, then things start to feel that little bit more exciting and the V90 picks up its pace, but without having a massive effect on fuel economy.

The Volvo V90 T4 Momentum is an 'epic' ride, says reviewer Tony Yates.

On the road: I expected nothing but the best and I was not disappointed. The V90 does not roll and scamper around like a scalded cat – it just glides. It's actually like driving around on air, it's that good. The grip levels are also another part of the V90 that work so well because Volvo has once again built a car that feels epic on the road and so sure-footed, even the most over-enthusiastic driver would struggle to get it out of shape.

The new V90 also delivers cutting-edge Pilot Assist semi-autonomous drive technology, which for me is the most advanced standard safety package on the market today and Run-off-Road Mitigation, which is another safety feature keeping you safe while out on the open road.

Safety and technology: Some of the standard equipment in the V90 includes Sensus Navigation, Voice-control system, City Safety, which includes pedestrian, cyclist and front collision warning with fully automatic emergency braking, including at junctions. It also has Pilot Assist; Adaptive Cruise Control and Run-off road protection, which automatically tightens the front seatbelts should the car inadvertently leave the road; LED headlights with active high beam; two-zone climate control with 'Cleanzone' air-quality system; an eight-inch active TFT crystal driver's information display; 17-inch alloy wheels (18-inch on D5 PowerPulse versions) and Volvo's in-car infotainment control system, which is basically a 9-inch touch screen control panel where the majority of functions inside the vehicle are controlled from.

In summary: The V90 is simply epic and why we all should consider owning one.

Price: Model as tested £44,880, including options.

TONY YATES

When point-to-point came to the Vale - part four

THIS is the fourth extract from Brian Lee's long out of print *The Races Came Off – The Atory of Point-to-Point Racing in South and West Wales.*

Before the start of the Glamorgan point-to-point of 1902, the riders met at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, where the Crossways course was pointed out to them.

In the heavyweight race, *Lady Edward* reversed the previous year's placings with *Magpie* coming home a length clear. The Mackintosh soon made amends for *Magpie's* defeat by winning the lighweight race with *Mainspring,* who easily accounted for his 10 rivals.

The judge, Col Harbor Homfray, had a hard task in seperating the first three home in the farmers' race in which Mr W C Blake's *Colonel* finished a head in front of *Rosebud*, with *Kitchener* a further head away in third place.

This was the year that Lewis Gottwaltz resigned his secretaryship of Cardiff (Ely) Races, a post he had held for 17 years. At the time, Mr Gottwaltz remarked that the people of south Wales had not the love of racing which was found in other parts of the country.

Though this remark could have had a lot of truth in it, for attendances at Cardiff Racecourse had declined, it certainly was not true with regard to point-to-point racing.

Thousands turned up at Pentyrch for the Ystrad Point-To-Point where Mr H Llewellyn's *Darkie* took the lightweight event, and Mr G T Treharne's *Hampton* the heavyweight race.

In 1903, the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point returned to Bonvilston, where the course which was selected near the Aubrey Arms was 'an admirably arranged one'.

Continuous rain overnight and during the morning made it very heavy going causing quite a few spills. For the second year running Mr W C Blake's *The Colonel* won the farmers' race, beating Gus Rooney's *Jack The Dandy*.

In the heavyweight race two of the riders – who wore hunting costume – were left behind at the first fence when their horses refused to jump it. But like true huntsmen, they eventually managed to get their mounts to clear the obstacle and rejoined the race, first past the post being Tom Price's brown mare, *Black Fury*.

The lightweight race went to Mr E H Forrester's brown gelding *Lifebuoy*, who forged ahead a few yards from the winning post to score by a neck. *Lifebuoy* was ridden by Mr Thackeray of Glan-Ely.

The Lewis Arms in Pentych, near Cardiff, was where the horses and riders met for the Ystrad and Pentych fixture.

There were four events to be decided, a lightweight and heavyweight race, a sweepstakes race and a farmers' race which was for horses of 14 hands.

Horses that exceeded this height had to carry seven pounds extra for every inch over it. Those horses under 14 hands were allowed seven pounds.

Mr T. Llewellyn's *Dolly Grey*, ridden by Mr J Powell, emerged the winner of this race. The popular sporting Dr Moynan won the heavyweight event on Mr J D Williams' *Limerick*.

**Brian Lee is the author of the best-selling Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales, published by St David's Press.*

Stableford action for St Mary's golfers

ST Mary's Golf Club senior section's main competition of the week was a two division Stableford.

Of the 25 entries, 12 members with handicaps up to 21 were assigned to division one, and the remaining 13 members, with handicaps of 22 and above were assigned to division two.

The highlight of the day was a stellar round by section captain Hugh Williams, who, after sinking a 60 foot putt on the fourth green, went on to chalk up a six better than par score of 24 points for the front nine, with a somewhat more modest return of 18 points for the second half.

His splendid total of 42 points were more than sufficient to claim the division one title by three points from second placed Ian Taylor's 39 points.

Reflecting on his victory, Williams said: "That was my best ever front nine but I got a little nervous over the closing holes."

In division two the in-form Gareth Jones headed the leaderboard with 35 points, one more than vice-captain Dave Hughes.

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Barry Town mourn long-time supporter Reg

WARM tributes have been paid to long-time Barry Town football supporter and friend Reg Kerslake, who has sadly passed away at the age of 88.

One the most tenured fans in the club's eventful history, Reg attended his first Barry game as a boy and would remain a keen follower for over 65 years.

Manager Gavin Chesterfield was among those to offer their condolences, calling Kerslake an "absolute gentleman, softly-spoken and very kind-hearted", while saying he would be "sorely missed" at Jenner Park.

Assistant Mike Cosslett, whose association with the Jenner Park side spans a number of decades, added that Kerslake was "hugely respected throughout the town".

Programme editor Jason Pawlin said: "(Reg) was a baker/confectioner for the longest time and had an advert for his shop in the programme for years.

"He would've been pleased as punch to see us back in the Welsh Premier League."

Meanwhile, club historian Jeff McInery described him as having "formidable football knowledge", while being "a genuinely nice bloke, who loved the club. He was always there, at the back of the stand, or the front of the bus, smiling."

On the field, the Barry first team suffered a setback on the weekend as they were beaten 2-0 at Llandudno.

Both goals in this JD Welsh Premier League clash came in the space of three minutes, with Lee Smith beating Mike Lewis on the half-hour mark, before John Owen doubled the hosts' advantage.

It was a day to forget for the visitors, as tempers would flare shortly before the half-time break, a multi-man melee leading to a spate of yellow cards for Llandudno's Danny Hughes and brothers Zebb and Zyaac Edwards, as well as Barry's Luke Cooper and Kayne McLaggon.

This Saturday (September 15), the Town will make a swift return to North Wales to play newly-promoted Caernarfon Town at The Oval (2.30pm kick-off).

Over 1,300 fans turned out for the Canaries' last home game with The New Saints and another strong crowd is expected for Saturday's visit of Chesterfield's men.

Finally, a special benefit match for legendary Town defender Gary Lloyd has been confirmed for Sunday 23rd September at Jenner Park (2.30pm kick-off).

Three-time title-winning manager Gary Barnett will lead a Barry Town Legends XI against a Welsh Premier League XI, guided by the Wales C boss Mark Jones.

Lloyd, the first Welsh Premier League footballer to be called into the full Wales squad, was a Jenner Park favourite from 1994 to 2003, making around 300 competitive appearances and helping the club to no fewer than sixteen trophies.

An inductee to both the Barry and Welsh Premier League Hall of Fame, Lloyd suffered a stroke in June, with this fundraiser intended to support his ongoing recovery.

Among Lloyd's former teammates confirmed for the match are Andrew York, Darren Ryan, Lee Jarman, Tom Ramasut and current Newport County boss Mike Flynn, with more to be announced in the coming week.

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Barry RFC Rock-ed by first loss of season

BARRY RFC went down to their first defeat of the season when they visited St Peters, the Rocks, last Saturday where the home side who had obviously recruited well in the summer ran out winners by 23-7.

The Rocks had the majority of the game in which their extra pace and possession caused Barry problems all afternoon.

It is, however, to Barry's credit that the Rocks were limited to one score, and that debatable, in the second half, as despite offering little in attack, due to lack of good possession, the defence held firm.

An early defensive lapse gave the Rocks the perfect start as the the midfield was breached for a simple try and conversion and a seven point lead.

This lead lasted only seconds as Barry regathered the restart and attacked the home line.

Tying in the defence Barry recycled the ball to find Danny Ryan on the wide outside who crossed unopposed for a well-worked try, well converted by Kyle Barross, to bring the scores level.

A series of penalties saw the Rocks pepper the Barry line but Barry held firm. The game at this stage was littered with penalties for both sides but generally being played in midfield as defences came out on top.

The stalemate was finally broken following a 22 drop out where Barry were penalised, giving the home side an easy penalty and the lead, 10-7.

The heavier Rocks pack was causing Barry problems, giving the backs good ball to attack with, but despite this pressure they survived.

The penalty count was rising and following three in quick succession against Barry, the Rocks were to score their second try as the ball was moved at pace across the backs for a try wide out which went unconverted, but gave them a lead of 15-7.

As the game moved closer to the half-time whistle it was Barry's turn to attack but those lacked cohesion and one or two possible chances were missed.

With the whistle due to go any second, a Rocks attack from a scrum was halted illegally by Barry and the resultant successful penalty saw them end the half 18-7 in front.

The second half began with Barry on the attack only to again fall foul of the referee. The penalty saw the Rocks break quickly and recycle to the wing.

The speed of the attack caught the referee behind play and while Barry claimed the winger was forced out of play, he decided the ball had been grounded and awarded the try, which, although not converted, gave the Rocks a 23-7 lead.

The fact that this was to be the last score of the game did not reflect the efforts of both sides, but errors and wasted chances saw to that.

Barry's game improved but stubborn defending limited their opportunities when they came and their own defence needed to be solid to repel several Rocks attacks.

They nearly scored from a crosskick which unluckily failed to go to hand, but other than that they struggled to break the home defence and the game petered out in the same vein.

The scoreline does not reflect the effort Barry displayed but if they can tighten up on the level of unforced errors they can certainly be a force in the league, which, looking at other results, appears to be stronger than ever this year.

This Saturday Barry entertain the other promoted side from last season, Abercwmboi, kick off at 2.30pm.

The lottery continues to roll over after last week's numbers of 08, 09, 16 and 23 failed to produce a winner, one ticket matched three numbers to claim £10.

This week's jackpot will be £2,550.

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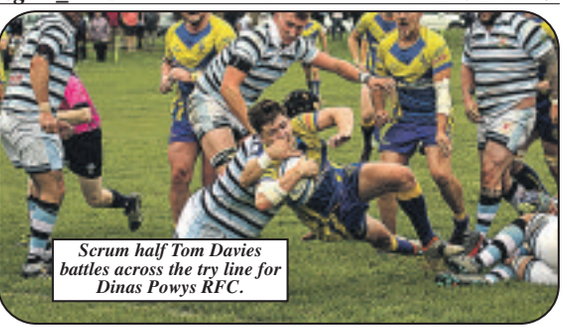

Scrum half Tom Davies battles across the try line for Dinas Powys RFC.

Disappointing result for Dinas Powys RFC

A hugely disappointing result masked a brave and committed performance from the Villagers of Dinas Powy RFC, which was compounded as a sequence of unfortunate events that meant that they did even not gain a losing bonus point.

The match was played with a strong wind blowing across the Common, and the home side had the benefit of the wind behind them in the first half but failed to maximise their advantage and at half-time trailed 6-8, only able to score two penalty kicks from the boot of fly half Callum Bricknell during this period.

The Wanderers scored a penalty of their own and a try by right wing Phil Paryio in the first half, but the most impressive feature of their play was their defence.

The Villagers pounded the visitors' tryline, but could not breach the impressive, aggressive defending of the Ely-based side.

The Wanderers began the second half brightly and before long, following a rolling maul by their forwards, the ball was released to right wing Will Adams Jones to cross for their second try.

The conversion was added and the Villagers faced an uphill struggle as they trailed 6-15.

The Villagers' scrum was a potent weapon for the home side, their front row of James Greenfield, Tom Baister and Andrew O'Malia were immense, providing the fulcrum that allowed the powerful scrum to push the larger Wanderers pack off their own scrum feeds.

This platform allowed home number 8 Ryan Hall to carry strongly into Wanderers territory.

The visitors were now conceding a large number of penalties and a quickly taken penalty by alert scrum half Tom Davies saw him to crash over for a try.

The home side were rampant with strong carries from flanker Corey Imperatto and skipper Baister forcing the visitors to concede yet another penalty.

This was converted by Bricknell and the score progressed to 14-15.

The momentum change within the game was enormous - the Villagers were now the dominant and a series of powerful scrums led to the appearance of one of the plethora of Wanderers coaches on the pitch explaining to the referee why future scrums would have to be passive.

With the home side so superior in this department this was a massive, some would say decisive, factor in the final result.

Home outside half Bricknell, a former Wanderer himself, previously yellow-carded for an infringment at a breakdown in the first half, expressed his dismay to the referee about the sequence of events and was shown a further yellow card, much to the joy of the travelling support.

With the scrums now passive, the visitors replaced their remaining prop with a more mobile player and after this the contest took on a completely different complexion.

The Wanderers scored two further tries in the remaining quarter to gain the win and a further bonus point for scoring four tries.

The Wanderers now top the table with maximum points, one of only three sides that remain unbeaten at this early stage of the season.

The Villagers will have to regather and put behind them the disappointment and the manner of defeat before they continue their league season with a visit to Rumney RFC at Riverside Park, Llanrumney.

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Tynewydd progress in South Wales cup

TYNEWYDD FC, representing the Vale of Glamorgan League, made only their second apperance in the South Wales Intermediate Cup on Saturday coming up against Ystrad Rugby from the Rhondda.

Tynewydd have had a mixed start to their campaign with two wins, two losses and a draw and knew they were in for a stern test against a young Rugby team who topped their respective league in the Valleys.

Tynewydd made a horror start to the game and conceded after only five minutes with an unusual defensive lapse at the back left the Rugby striker clean through on goal.

Ystrad, buoyed by their early goal began to knock the ball around quite freely, but their over-confidence cost them as Elliot Hicks pounced on an error at the back and fired in an unstoppable shot from outside the box.

The equaliser rocked Rugby and Tynewydd began to dominate the game but couldnt take advantage of their superior domination with the half ending 1-1.

Both sides entered the second half knowing the next goal would be crucial and Tynewydd had goalkeeper Callum Coleman to thank for keeping the game tied after producing some fine one-on-one stops to keep the scores level.

Midway through the half Tynewydd won a freekick 25 yards out and Lewis Union's superb technique bamboozled the Rugby keeper, who couldn't prevent the ball from crossing the line, giving Tynewydd a 2-1 lead.

With the Rugby boys sensing the game was now slipping away from them they began to get more desperate and started putting in some hefty challenges and were reduced to 10 men after one of the Rugby players headbutted a player.

Tynewydd sealed the victory, and their place in the quarter-finals, when Lewis Union scored his second of the match, smartly controlling a cross inside the six yard box and lashing the ball into the top corner to end the contest.

Man of the match went to keeper Callum Coleman for his string of excellent saves, with notable mentions to Lewis Union for his goals and Craig Rattenbury for his workrate, although this was a real team performance and victory with every player doing their bit for the cause.

Squad: C.Coleman, P.Pydannah, J.Shepherd, G.Pycroft, M.McCarthy, Ll.Union, T.Case, J.Clissett, L.Union (c), E.Hicks, C.Rattenbury, J.Brana, C.Twomey, C.Harding, J.Pearce, L.Peterson, G.Union.

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Junior rowers enjoy chance

BARRY Yacht Club's rowing section is thriving and has been boosted by junior rowers.

Club rowing captain and Rear Commodore Tony Peters explained: "We now have seven juniors who are out on the water every week.

"This year's racing season is coming to an end soon, but we are already looking forward to entering next year's races.

"Sea rowing is a fantastic sport with a great social side to it as well. We now have 50 members and more will be joining soon."

People who are interested in trying out sea rowing can contact the club.

TC

Season ends at Millwood

WEDNESDAY evening saw the visit of Treharris/Trelewis for a rearranged match in Division 3 and with the visitors still in with a chance of promotion a tight game was predicted.

On rink 2, Alan Bumford, Nigel Tutton Tony Cole and Kelvin Lewys got off to a slow start, and after three ends were down 4-1.

By the eighth end they had clawed their way back into the game at 8-8 and on the ninth end they took five shots to lead 12-7.

Over the next six ends they increased their lead to 17 shots to 8, eventually winning by 23 shots to 16.

On rink 3 Alan Anniss, Rob Browne, John Slee and Brian Howcroft were all square 3-3, after five ends and eased into a three shot lead, 9-6, at the 10th end.

Four shots dropped on the 12th end saw them trail 13-9 but a 4 on the 14th end made the game all square, followed by two shots on the 16th end to take a narrow lead 15-14.

Alas that was the height of their success and the rink sank to a 23 shots to 15 defeat.

Rink 4 saw Brian Crockford, Keith Thomas, Steve Sewell and Mickey Lucas take their game by the scuff of the neck from the start, leading after five ends 9-2, and over the next 13 ends dropping only three shots to the opposition and finally won 22 shots to 13.

Over on rink 5, Haydn Spencer, Dave Lougher, Alan Evans and Maurice Jodrel got off to a very slow start and were behind l2 shots to 3 after 10 ends, but were still not playing the rink as well as their opponents.

After 15 ends they still trailed 23 shots to 8, but a mini-revival over the last six ends added a modicum of respectability to the final score of 23-15.

The result of the match was a win for the visitors, 76 shots to 75, taking 10 points to the home side's four points, thus keeping alive their promotion hopes.

A big well done to the Millwood players for their efforts this season - both teams can hopefully take the lessons learned forward to next year.

Finally, for all members embarking on the indoor season at Sully, good luck.

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GIGGS BEGINS COMPETITIVE REIGN WITH WIN AND DEFEAT

From the ecstacy to the agony... Denmark give Wales a reality check after Irish tour de force

ABOVE: Gareth Bale bagged a wonder strike against Republic of Ireland, and captained the side against Denmark on Sunday. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY.

The mix of youth, seen in David Brooks (left) and Ethan Ampadu (centre), along with the experience of Aaron Ramsey (right) was to the forefront as Wales beat Republic of Ireland 4-1 in Cardiff.

Ryan Giggs will have learned much from his first two competitive games as Wales boss.

by GARETH JAMIESON

IT seems surprising that September marks nine months since Ryan Giggs took charge of the Welsh senior national team. Due to it being a World Cup year, Giggs has only overseen three games in that time frame, none of which could be considered to be, in themselves, games of importance or great significance.

However, the games in the China Cup against the hosts and Uruguay, and May's goal-less draw with Mexico in Los Angeles carried a great deal of significance for the future of Welsh football.

One point made about Chris Coleman's reign was his dependence on a core of players, players who achieved so much in France two years ago, but players who, when unavailable, never had wholly-capable deputies.

Giggs, conscious of the need to blood youngsters and aware of father time creeping up on those core players, has taken great steps to address that issue, placing the emphasis on youth and trying to get the mix right so that Wales can prosper even when shorn of our top-class talent.

When it came to naming his first competitive squad for the Nations League double-header against Republic of Ireland and Denmark, Giggs stayed the course, no place for Hal Robson-Kanu (who chose to retire from international football safe in the knowledge that that goal against Belgium will ensure his place in all Welsh fans' hearts) nor Neil Taylor.

Instead, among the list of perennials such as Bale, Ramsey, Gunter, Hennessey, Allen and Williams were the likes Connor Roberts, Chris Mepham, Tom Lockyer, Ethan Ampadu, Matthew Smith, Harry Wilson, Ben Woodburn, David Brooks and Tyler Roberts, the new breed, many of whom have already shown glimpses of what they are capable of on the international stage.

Their first major test was against Martin O'Neill's Republic of Ireland on Thursday night at the Cardiff City Stadium, nearly 11 months to the day since James McClean's strike consigned Wales to third-place in the World Cup qualifying group.

While revenge may have been on the mind of fans whose summer plans were left in tatters, Giggs had left his players under no illusion that it was time to move on from that night: "If there there is anything in their minds about (revenge)... get it out of your head.

"It was a long time ago, for me it is a new game and it is my job to make sure we perform as best we can on the night."

No doubt Giggs had envisaged a scenario where his first home game would end in triumphant victory, but even in his wildest dreams would he have struggled to picture Wales completely dominating their opponents, the 4-1 scoreline an incredible, and richly-deserved, result for the team.

Injuries and international retirements had left the Irish in a far weaker position than they were 11 months ago, but on paper they should still have been a stern test for a Welsh team who have always struggled when faced with a more physical threat.

However Wales tore into them from the off, the crispness of their passing and an attacking intent putting the Irish on the back foot.

When the breakthrough came with just six minutes on the clock it was a dream start, Tom Lawrence's superb finish beating Darren Randolph at his near post, and the stadium was in a state of bliss just 12 minutes later when Gareth Bale's incredible curling finish put Wales two goals to the good, leaving the Irish shellshocked.

Shorn of any great creativity, Wales were happy to pick off the Irish attacks and use the likes of Joe Allen and Ethan Ampadu (whose poise, passing and all-round control of the game at just 17 years of age was amazing to see) to counter-attack with the pacey front line relishing their battle with a shaky Irish defence.

When Aaron Ramsey made it 3-0 in the 37th minute the game was effectively over, but Wales continued to threaten. They took until the 55th minute to grab their fourth, right-back Connor Roberts (whose selection over stalwart Chris Gunter came as something of a surprise) striking a gorgeous shot past the despairing Randolph.

The Irish got a goal back when Ramsey's error allowed substitute Shaun Williams to take advantage, but Wales ended the game on the front foot and could have added to their four-goal haul, such was their attacking intent.

This was an exceptional performance from Wales, one that captain Ashley Williams considered one of their best in recent times, and it's hard to argue with that assessment.

With the defence solid (albeit rarely tested), the midfield creative and the attackers hungry and clinical, this was a rich outing for Wales, with Giggs (no doubt relieved that his first game on home soil ended in such a result) after the game commenting that, for these players, the bad news is maintaining that standard.

That was always going to be tough going up against Denmark away, especially since their crisis was resolved and the likes of Christian Eriksen and Kasper Schemichel returned to the fold after an 'image rights' dispute.

A second game in four days certainly seemed to take its toil on Giggs' squad, the only changes seeing Gareth Bale being named captain with Ashley Williams missing out on the squad altogether (his starting place taken by James Chester), David Brooks returning to the bench with Conner Roberts taking his place as a winger and Chris Gunter returning to the fold, and the 2-0 reverse was a result that was in no way against the run of play.

Where Thursday night had been about verve and guile, Sunday was more about containment and Wales did well in that respect, their only mistake of note leaving Eriksen free in the penalty area, and his shot was fired into the bottom left corner to make it 1-0.

A harsh, but predictable, penalty award for handball against Ampadu saw Eriksen double his tally, and his country's lead, and from that point on Wales were looking leggy and Denmark, a team who know how to keep things tight, saw the game out with little fuss.

For Wales, while not the best result in terms of aiming to top this group, it was something of a reality check both for the youngsters and for Giggs himself – if only international football were as easy as Thursday night.

Going forward Wales were shackled well by the Danes, who were wholly unwilling to allow the likes of Bale and Lawrence the chance to run at them, and without this Wales were a little toothless, only managing two shots on target.

It was by no means a comprehensive defeat, yet it was one that Giggs will look at and try to analyse how they can do better in that situation, a vital learning curve.

So, at the halfway point of this new competition, Wales will now look towards next month' s friendly against Spain on October 11 as a chance to develop before resuming Nations League hostilities against Republic of Ireland in Dublin five days later, with their final game in Cardiff against the Danes on November 16.

Finishing top isn't beyond any team in this tightly-poised group, and Wales will feel confident that they can get something in Dublin and take things to a winner-takes-all showdown against the Danes, which would be an incredible boost for the squad and Giggs' embryonic regime.

There's been plenty to praise and plenty to learn from thus far, Sunday a reality check that could prove to be huge in the grand scheme of things – we'll know more about Wales' hopes and ambitions after next month's games.

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